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SC firm, tells SBI to share poll bond details today

Court dismisses bank's plea seeking time till June 30 to give EC the details, says the information is 'readily available'; Commission must publish the data on its website by 5 p.m. on March 15

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed an application by the State Bank of India (SBI) for time till June 30 to provide details of electoral bonds purchased anonymously and their encashment by political parties.

A five-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, which on February 15 struck down the electoral bonds scheme as unconstitutional, gave the bank 24 hours, that is, by the close of business hours on March 12, to provide the details to the Election Commission (EC).

The court said the information on electoral bonds required to be divulged by the judgment was "readily available" with the bank. Once the bank forwards the details, the EC has to compile and publish the data on its website on March 15 by 5 p.m.

Senior advocate Harish Salve, for the SBI, explained that matching the bonds purchased and names of donors with the parties that redeemed the bonds was a "time-consuming and complex" exercise. Details were kept in two separate silos and not stored in a digital format. The judgment had capsized the "core purpose" of the electoral bonds scheme, which was "utmost secrecy". "We have to reverse the whole process", Mr. Salve argued.

But Chief Justice Chandrachud said the judgment had not asked the bank to "match" information to ascertain who contributed to which political parties. "We had only asked you to do a plain disclosure... We just wanted you to comply with the judgment."

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The spectre of bonds

A look at what followed the Supreme Court's scrapping of the electoral bonds scheme

SBI'S PLEA:
- The bank sought time till June 30 to "match" the information to ascertain "who contributed to which political party" between April 12, 2019, and February 15, 2024

WHAT SC SAID:
- SBI should disclose to EC details of electoral bonds by March 12
- The EC must publish the information received from the SBI by March 15

"We asked you to do a plain disclosure. We did not tell you to match the details. You simply need to comply with our February 15 judgment"

D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
Chief Justice of India

SC stays conviction of T.N. former Minister Ponmudy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed the conviction and three-year prison sentence of former Tamil Nadu Minister and senior DMK leader K. Ponmudy in a disproportionate assets case. A Bench headed by Justice A.S. Oka also stayed the sentence of his wife, P. Visalakshi, in the case.

The order paves the way for Mr. Ponmudy's return as a legislator.

The Supreme Court, in a chamber hearing in January, had granted the couple exemption from surrendering following the Madras High Court judgment. The couple were represented by senior advocates Mukul Rohatgi and Siddharth Luthra. Advocate D. Kumanan appeared for the State of Tamil Nadu.

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State bans use of harmful colouring agents in cotton candy

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has banned the use of harmful colouring agents in cotton candy and gobi manchurian, and warned of severe action against offenders.

"We have decided to ban the use of Rhodamine-B, the colouring agent used in cotton candy. As per the existing law, Rhodamine-B is already banned. There is no ban on sale of white cotton candy," Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao told mediapersons here on Monday.

Immediate effect

The ban comes into effect immediately with a notification issued by the Commissioner of Food Safety on Monday.

The Public Health Department had collected samples of coloured cotton candy and gobi manchurian. Laboratory tests revealed the use of harmful colouring agents.

A file photo of cotton candy vendors. The Minister has clarified that there is no ban on the sale of white cotton candy.

Of the 25 samples of cotton candy, 15 contained Sunset Yellow, Tartrazine, and Rhodamine-B. Of the 171 samples of gobi manchurian, 107 were found to contain Tartrazine, Sunset Yellow, and Carmoisine.

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Test flight of Agni-5 with MIRV successful

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday announced the successful test-firing of Agni-5 ballistic missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle (MIRV) technology by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) under Mission Divyastra.

The flight test was carried out from Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. This is considered a major technological breakthrough.

"Proud of our DRDO scientists for Mission Divyastra, the first flight test of indigenously developed Agni-5 missile with Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle (MIRV) technology," Mr. Modi posted on X.

The test flight of Agni-5. ANI

The MIRV technology means a single missile can carry multiple warheads. It will ensure that a single missile can deploy multiple warheads at different locations, government sources said.

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Centre notifies CAA rules ahead of polls

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Just days ahead of the announcement of Lok Sabha election, the Union Home Ministry on Monday notified the Citizenship Amendment Rules, 2024 that would enable the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) passed by Parliament in 2019.

Though the law facilitates citizenship to undocumented people belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi, Christian, and Jain communities from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, the rules state that applicants will have to provide six types of documents and specify the "date of entry" into India.

Home Minister Amit Shah posted on X, "These rules will now enable minorities persecuted on religious grounds in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan to acquire citizenship in our nation. With this notification, PM Shri Narendramodi*ji* has delivered on another commitment and realised the promise of the makers of our Constitution to the Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis, and Christians living in those countries."

The list of documents includes birth certificate, tenancy records, identity papers, any licence, or educational certificate issued by a government authority in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.

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SC refuses to stay Saibaba's acquittal, says there is no 'urgency' to jail him

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to stay the acquittal of former Delhi University Professor G.N. Saibaba and five others by the Bombay High Court in a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, saying it would be "unusual" to show urgency to imprison a man whose innocence had been already proved by the judgment of a court of law.

"There cannot be any urgency to reverse orders of acquittal... that is unheard of. Urgency is only to reverse conviction," Justice B.R. Gavai, heading a Bench with Justice Sandeep Mehta, addressed Additional Solicitor- General S.V. Raju, appearing for Maharashtra.

The Bombay High Court had acquitted G.N. Saibaba (left) in a case under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act on March 5. ANI

The Bench noted that a person was presumed innocent until proven guilty. A verdict of acquittal in Mr. Saibaba's case fortified the "presumption of innocence".

Though the State had not separately applied for a stay of the High Court verdict of acquittal, the special leave petition contained a prayer for an interim stay.

The court granted leave, admitting the appeal against the acquittal, but did not specify any date for hearing. "You can file for early hearing. There are two acquittals by different Benches [of the Bombay High Court]... *Prima facie* we find that judgment is very well-reasoned," Justice Gavai remarked orally.

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Richa Ghosh's heartbreak — of lone wolves, fine margins and the power of the pack

She was the odds-on favourite among the press corps covering the match to pull off a heist the way Harmanpreet did the night before, but alas, sport giveth and sport taketh in equal measure

R.V. MOORTHY

Lavanya Lakshminarayanan
NEW DELHI

How do you console a player who fought tooth and nail to get her team to a win only to fall short by a run? What are the right words? The few seconds of silence from Royal Challengers Bangalore coach Luke Williams as he lauded Richa Ghosh's efforts in the debrief after a crushing one-run loss to Delhi Capitals at the Arun Jaitley Stadium here on Sunday said it all.

After Harmanpreet Kaur's storm of an innings against Gujarat Giants, an interesting conversation ensued among journalists walking out of the Feroz Shah Kotla premises a day prior. "Barring Harmanpreet, who can pull off a heist like this?" rang the motion. Richa was the unanimous choice and what an ending it would have been to that script if she had pulled it off against one of the best sides in the league in a match where her team needed a win to secure its survival. Alas! Sport giveth and sport taketh away in equal measure.

Crestfallen

When Shafali Verma and Jess Jonassen pulled off that run out off the very last ball, Richa and Shreyanka Patil at the other end froze, not knowing how to process what had just happened. Shreyanka, squatting at the striker's end, had her face buried in her palms while Richa, was flat on the ground after a dive that went in vain, perhaps hoping for the ground to swallow her whole. The world went on around them; DC players shook the umpires hands, broadcast teams brought out their standees for player interviews, the post-match presentation space was set up and groundsmen came on to begin their duties for the day. But these two stood still.

Alice Capsey walked up to Shreyanka, who sobbed herself into a ball, while Jemimah sat down with Richa, comforting her India teammate. She was joined by Meg Lanning who gave Richa a few pats on the head. From a competitor as fierce as her and one who is not verbose in praise or brickbats, this is as good as it comes. But nothing would unshatter the pair. Needing 17 off the last over, a cramping Richa and Disha Kasat had a mountain to climb mentally. Lanning turned to her trusted soldier Jonassen who, for years, has struck fears in opponents across the world with her ability to dump pressure in the bin.

"I knew that at the start of the over, if I could set it up without going for a boundary in one of the first two balls, then we were sort of well and truly on the front foot. But, getting hit for a massive six down the ground was not ideal, and then I gave it too much air for her in the second last ball," Jonassen said after the game.

Lanning and Jonassen spoke before every ball. Field tweaks were made, instructions were screamed across the field. After that six over Jonassen's head which brought the target down to 11 off 5, Jonassen fired into Richa, allowing no space to make anything of the ball. Dot. Richa then ran two, struggling to finish her run having kept wickets for 20 overs before coming on to bat. Jonassen then went slow, with Richa managing to get it over to long off. The pair ran yet again as Jonassen waited for the throw at the non-strikers' end. She clipped the stumps just after the batters crossed, sending Disha back to the pavilion.

While DC celebrated the run out, Lanning – in quintessential Doctor Strange style – calculated all possible elements and ran to the umpire to check if the pair had crossed. Had that gone their way, it would be curtains for Richa. But the 20-year-old lived to bat some more.

In walked Shreyanka. Richa then dispatched a length ball to midwicket and uncomfortably scrambled for two once more, her partner darting across but constantly egging her on to finish the run. RCB and the collective nervous system of the Kotla needed a big hit and Richa delivered, this time creaming the ball over the longest part of the ground to bring the requirement to two runs off the last ball.

That also brought Richa her fifty. S Meghana, who was puzzlingly dropped for this game, turned around to hug Renuka. Sophie Devine was thoroughly entertained as she thumped the seat in front of her in admiration.

Lanning and Jonassen plotted once more, this chat a tad longer than the others. It's safe to assume that all 23,453 people in the stands were on their feet, perhaps chewing away what was left of their fingernails.

Jonassen went in full on the stumps, targeting Richa's toes. Richa took a step back to give herself room and smacked the ball which ended up slicing its way to Shafali Verma at backward point who sent it straight back to Jonassen. The Aussie allrounder first thrashed the stumps at the non-striker's and then hurled the ball to the stumps at Shreyanka's end too. While DC celebrated, the review confirmed what RCB dreaded most. The side fell short yet again, by inches this time. This bunch, the Indian youngsters, have seen far too many heartbreaking

losses. The T20 World Cup in Melbourne, a five-run loss to Australia in the semifinal of the 2022 Women's ODI World Cup and countless others in bilaterals and domestic T20 cricket. Richa has been a part of many of those, but this will hurt. It will hurt for what could have been, for a chapter it would have added to the book of Indian batting pedigree.

"You have to accept that that's sport. It's part of what you have to accept that sometimes you win and sometimes you lose," Ellyse Perry, who has a knack of betraying no emotion good or bad, said in her assessment of the game.

"She'll be a better player in the future for it. There's only an upside. I hope she wakes up tomorrow, the sun comes up and she feels better. She all but got us over the line. No one deserves to win or lose a game of sport. It just happens. We've got another match in a couple of nights and she's a big part of the team," she added. Richa found a sympathetic shoulder in Jemimah who chose to be optimistic in the role this night will play in the bigger scheme of things for Richa, the India player. "I think Richa is such a young star and this exposure... only the WPL could do that. I told her that this experience is going to help you in the World Cup. You might just go on to hit the winning runs in the World Cup and help us lift the trophy," she said.

Cricket's core validated

If you brush the clouds of emotion aside, what remains is a ruthless persistence from the Delhi Capitals, something that took the team through to a memorable win. At no stage did the side look deflated. Despite the Sophie Molineux opening act backfiring a little, RCB being blessed with a deep batting order helped them wield card after card of proven match winners - Perry, Devine, Wareham (in good touch with the bat), Richa, Shreyanka... Sunday's chase, barring a blip from captain Smriti Mandhana which saw her being dismissed identically to other instances from this very season, was a commendable effort. The question marks need to arise with their efforts on the field. Shreyanka's four-fer, coming from a player working off a niggle, was the end of the spectrum all players needed to work to. The efforts on the field were lacklustre, like they have been for much of this edition. Boundaries are allowed, the odd (yet valuable) catch is dropped and the intent to place a chokehold on the runs has largely been missing.

It is this that separated RCB from DC on the day. Even when the target looked within RCB's grasp, Lanning never switched off. Plans A till Z were in place and the Capitals were relentless. In the 16th over, Marizanne Kapp who looked a little gingerly throughout this game, dove to stop a ball from racing away to the boundary. Arundhati covered the boundary ropes like her life was at stake. Jemimah hurled herself in the air even for attempts she knew she might not catch and was clean with the ones well within her reach.

DC was superior but not flawless, Capsey dropping a sitter that could have sent Perry off is an example. While the allrounder was run out a few deliveries later, this would have been a moment that DC could have looked back in disdain if RCB's stars had aligned. This moment stands out not so much for its place in the match but for what it said about this team's character. After Perry was run out, a natural celebration ensued by the wicket. Jemimah, meanwhile, ran all the way to Capsey at long off and patted her on the back, reassuring her that the worst was over and it was to be forgotten. These little things, to carry the side along even in error sets this outfit apart.

It was a weekend of edge-of-the-seat thrillers that would make anyone's cardiac fibre tremble. From Harmanpreet in the MI-GG game and Deepti in the UPW-DC encounter to even Richa in this clash, this leg, and the tournament at large, has seen its fair share of individual heroes, stepping up when their team had had their backs to a wall. Lone wolves, though, can only go so far. For the strength of the wolf is the pack and gosh, did the pack thrive!

THE GIST

- Richa's ability to strike the ball long has come in handy in fashioning her as a finisher in the shortest format. Meanwhile, National coach Amol Muzumdar has chosen to switch her to a No. 3 batter in ODIs and Tests
- In the 2024 edition, Richa has scored 190 runs so far with two half-centuries at an average of 38
- This is an improvement from the 138 she scored in seven innings for the same franchise last season. Her strike-rate has improved from 135.29 to 158.33
- RCB's one-run loss to DC makes its qualification for the playoffs difficult, with a large part of its fate testing in the hands of other teams. The franchise has one league game left, against Mumbai Indians on March 12

Automated building plan approval facility Nambike Nakshe launched

It is applicable to buildings on up to 50 x 80 site dimension and up to four units. The plans can be sanctioned with the help of empanelled engineers or architects

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government launched the automated building plan approval in R.R. Nagar and Dasarahalli zones in Bengaluru on a pilot basis on Monday. The facility will be extended to the entire city in the coming months.

The online method brings in convenience to those building houses, as the building plan approval process is automated, reducing interface with government officials and possible corruption.

Launching 'Nambike Nakshe', Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is in charge of Bengaluru city development, said that the government hopes that about 10,000 building plans could be approved using the automated facility this year.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at a press conference on Nambike Nakshe in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The facility has been launched to bring in transparency and convenience to people." He pointed out that about 9,000 building plans had been approved by the BBMP in 2023.

The Nambike Nakshe is applicable to buildings on up to 50 x 80 site dimension and up to four units. The plans can be sanctioned with the help of empanelled engineers or architects. There is no need to visit the BBMP office.

The fee for building plan should be paid online and approval is based on submission of appropriate documents. Mr. Shivakumar urged engineers and architects to empanel themselves.

Regarding the new tax structure in Bengaluru, he said that several problems were raised by people during an interaction.

"We have brought down the penalty by 50%, and waiver of interest on property tax dues. The UAV-based tax calculation being implemented since 2008 had caused confusion. It is being replaced by a uniform tax calculation based on guidance value. The property tax was last revised in 2016. About 16 lakh properties are not in the tax net."

He said that a one-time provision will be made for those whose properties are not under the tax net to declare their property for tax purpose.

"Such property holders will get property tax number and BBMP khata. While properties with valid documents will get A khata, converted properties will get B khata," the Minister said.

Indira Canteen opened at KIA; 600 more to be set up across State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated an Indira Canteen at Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Monday, announcing plans for 600 more across the State, including Bengaluru.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony, organised by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Mr. Siddaramaiah highlighted the significance of the canteen, expected to cater to a large number of customers, especially airport cab drivers and BMTC bus drivers.

According to the BBMP estimates, the Indira Canteen at KIA is projected to serve approximately 2,000 customers. The construction, including the kitchen facilities, incurred a cost of ₹1.35 crore.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at the inauguration of the Indira Canteen at Kempegowda International Airport on Monday.

Expressing optimism about the canteen's popularity, a BBMP official noted the stark price difference between meals at the airport and those available at the Indira Canteen.

"Food prices inside the airport are exorbitant, with breakfast costing upwards of ₹200. We anticipate passengers turning to the canteens for affordable options," the official remarked.

The establishment of a Indira Canteen was a key demand among the 36 submissions made by the federation of cab and auto drivers' associations to Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy. The move aims to ease the burden faced by drivers commuting between the airport and the city, aggravated by high food prices at airport eateries.

Highlighting the purpose of the Indira Canteen, Mr. Siddaramaiah emphasised its role in providing affordable meals to the economically disadvantaged. The canteen offers breakfast for ₹5, while lunch and dinner are priced at ₹10 each. Changes have been made to the food menu, and a dining hall has been arranged to accommodate patrons.

He also underscored the government's commitment to extending the reach of Indira Canteens, with plans for establishment in every ward of Bengaluru and other parts of the State. Criticising the previous administration for failing to address the need for affordable meals, he highlighted the closure of some facilities.

KIA recognised as best airport at arrivals globally

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru has been recognised as the best airport at arrivals globally by the Airports Council International's (ACI) Airport Service Quality Awards 2023.

KIA shares the honour with two other airports – Thiruvananthapuram International Airport in Kerala, and the Zayed International Airport – Terminal A in Abu Dhabi, UAE. According to ACI, 31 airports – 27 airports from Asia-Pacific and four from the Middle East – have been recognised with ACI Airport Service Quality Awards.

Other airports

In total, six Indian airport have been recognised by the ACI Airport Service Quality Awards.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport in Mumbai, Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi have been recognised as the best airports with over 40 million (4 crore) passengers, in the Asia-Pacific region.

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad has been recognised as the best airport in the 15 to 25 million passengers (1.5 - 2 crore) category in the Asia-Pacific region. Chandigarh airport is the best airport in 2 to 5 million passengers (20 - 50 lakh) category in the Asia-Pacific region.

ACI said that the ASQ Programme, developed in partnership with leading travel technology company Amadeus, stands out as the preeminent airport customer experience measurement and benchmarking programme globally.

According to ACI, unlike other programmes in the aviation industry, ASQ's approach is anchored in live research conducted through surveys administered directly to travellers at the airport, capturing their satisfaction levels.

Hospitality industry booms with rising number of industries and tourists

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

"Every fourth commercial establishment in Bengaluru is some kind of a food joint," said P. C. Rao, president, Bruhat Bengaluru Hoteliers' Association (BBHA). Thanks to the growing numbers of industries, tourists and investors in Bengaluru, there has been an exponential expansion of the hospitality industry in 2023.

From darshinis and ice cream parlours to five-star hotels and fine dining restaurants, the number of hospitality establishments in Bengaluru has increased. "In 2023, around 200 new food establishments (including bakeries, sweet stalls) were opened in Bengaluru. In January 2024, two establishments have opened for business," Mr. Rao said. "The variety in restaurants here is such that now you can get a cup of coffee from ₹10 per cup to ₹250 per cup. Demand continues to grow," he added.

At least 10 big hotels (including star hotels) would be inaugurated in 2024 in Bengaluru. "While a Hyatt is coming up at Hebbal, a Hilton is coming up at Whitefield. We also have an IBC hotel coming up. The Taj hotel at the airport is adding a block with 200 rooms while JW Marriott is planning a new hotel near Devanahalli," Mr. Rao informed.

The hotelier credited the fast-paced growth of the hospitality industry to multiple industries and opportunities in Bengaluru.

"We have aerospace, automobile, and electric vehicles industries. We also have numerous start-ups. Along with that, there are multiple regional offices of Central government organisations, defence offices and PSUs, space and science centres, and Research and Development offices leading to several thousands of people coming to Bengaluru every day," he said.

In 2023, around 200 new food establishments, including bakeries and sweet stalls, were opened in Bengaluru. FILE PHOTO

Increased investments

One of the major factors contributing to the expanding number of hospitality properties is the investment that is coming in, say industry insiders.

"After COVID, there was a dull year, but soon after that, demand increased and tourism also got better. Many high-profile liquor shops and pubs are coming up. We are now getting more investment into the sector from real estate companies, politicians and other wealthy members for whom it is a dream to set up a good pub," said Karunakar Hegde, a pub owner and vice-president of Federation of Wine Merchants' Association.

"The number of establishments, the size of these establishments and the investment going into these properties has seen a tremendous increase," said Mukesh Tolani, head of the Bengaluru chapter of National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI). "Everyone seems to think that this industry is a gold mine right now, and that this is a lucrative business. There is also a glamour factor to it," he said.

When asked about the establishments that have the highest demand in the sector, he mentioned that any place that has a bar, including microbreweries, is in demand.

Licence troubles

Even as demand increases, pub owners have reported difficulties in obtaining liquor licences. Hence, the resale of CL - 9 (Refreshment Room (Bar)) licences is in full swing. At least 100 new pubs have bought resold licences and redeveloped them in the last year, according to Mr. Hegde.

The capital investment has also increased for these newly developed places. Another indicator of the kind of demand is the fact that around 500 new licences have been obtained in the last year in the CL-7 (Hotel and Boarding house licences) category.

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C. Krishniah Chetty Foundation thanks Government of Karnataka for High School at Government School, Dasarahalli

The CKC Foundation's impact on education is noteworthy. They proudly support five government schools in Bengaluru, nurturing the educational needs of over 1600 girls and 400 boys. CKC Foundation in association with Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore signed an MoU with Block Education Officer office, South-4, Bengaluru in the year 2017 for adopting the Govt. Primary School in Dasarahalli. As part of this MoU the two-storey building with spacious well- ventilated classrooms with furniture a class of its kind constructed in Rachenahalli, Dasarahalli, Bengaluru. This includes landscaped garden, staff rooms for teachers, functional clean toilets, drinking water, and sanitation. Since 2017 CKC Foundation supporting school in various ways which includes annual sports events, free health check-up camps, math program, dance classes, visits to science centres, English literacy program, etc. CKC Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to GOK for its commendable support in extending classes up to High School for this school for the academic year 2024-25.

Run for Kidney Wellness: Around 3000 people participated in a 5km Marathon organized by SPARSH Hospital

The Marathon event organized by SPARSH Hospital RR Nagar was flagged off by Mr. Anil Srivatsa, a distinguished Life Coach, Public Speaker, and Entrepreneur based in Bengaluru, India. Mr Anil's multifaceted career spans various industries, from his tenure as the Chief Executive Officer of the IPL Cricket franchise team Punjab Kings to his role as the President/CEO of Sochcast.com, a spoken word audio platform for Indian women globally. The marathon witnessed enthusiastic participants as old as 80 years of age among 3000 participants from different age groups. Mr. Joseph Pasangha, COO of SPARSH Group of Hospitals said they were thrilled to witness such enthusiastic participation in the 'Run for Kidney Wellness' marathon. The overwhelming response underscores the community's commitment to prioritizing kidney health. SPARSH Hospital RR Nagar extends heartfelt gratitude to all participants, and supporters for their unwavering commitment to kidney health awareness. Together, they have taken significant strides towards promoting a healthier future for all, emphasizing the importance of proactive kidney care in their communities. Continues to champion kidney wellness and inspire positive change in health behaviours.

Art Exhibition "Art from the Heart" at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath

Recently the 3rd edition of "Art from the Heart", the exclusive art exhibition by Team Pragathi, showcasing the art works of artists with various disabilities was held at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. There were 42 artists from across the country showcasing their art works of different themes and media. The exhibition saw 350-400 art lovers and 50+ paintings were sold along with a number of colorful magnets, smaller paintings and some terracotta jewellery. The guests of honor were Mysore Maharaja, His Highness Sri Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Captain GR Gopinath, Founder, Air Deccan, Retired Army Captain & Author' Sujith Kumar, AVP- HR, Infosys, Founder, Maatram Foundation, Dr. Harrsha, Artist, Karmaveer Chakra Award Recipient and Sonu Venugopal, Stand up Comedian, Digital Creator & Actor.

International Women's Day 2024 event organised by Union Bank Of India, Regional office-Bengaluru East

Union Bank Of India, Regional office-Bengaluru East had organized various events with a tagline #InspireInclusion #IWD 2024, under the EmpowerHer initiative of the Bank on the occasion of Insternational Women's Day. The event was graced with the presence of the honourable Chief Guest Mrs. Ashwini Y T, Deputy Registrar of Co Operative Societies & GA to Registrar of Co-Operative Societies, GOK, Shri R JyothiKrishnan, Regional Head, Bengaluru East, Shri Gulshan Kumar, Deputy Regional Head-Operations and Shri Raghavendra BS, Deputy Regional Head- Business Development. Women employees across the branches of the Region had participated in the event. Shri R.JyothiKrishnan, in the welcome address wished all women employees on the special day. The Regional office conducted a walkathon at Bengaluru City, near MG Road, naming as "Pinkathon- Walk-on To #InspireInclusion" with the active participation of all female employees of the Region. The Bank also conducted a Health Awareness camp at the Regional Office premises at Kasturba Road, for the women employees and women customers, where more than 50 participants has undergone the free checkup.

The curious case of a man who received 217 COVID shots

On March 4, a study published in *The Lancet* reported the case of a 62-year-old German man who had received more than 200 COVID-19 shots over 29 months for "private reasons". Researchers' investigations with him revealed much about immune function and the effects of over-vaccination

Puneet Kumar
Vipin M. Vashishtha

The vaccines briefly expose the immune system to antigens. Each shot injects a small quantity of antigen, triggering a momentary immunological response. MUFID MAJNUN/UNSPLASH

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a roller-coaster for vaccinology – from a rare show of truly global collaboration between governments, multilateral agencies, the scientific community, and industry to huge public demand for rapid vaccine development against the new virus that had brought the world to its knees to sudden concerns of "too rapid" development when many vaccines could be developed in record time. Some wanted "booster doses", and others worried about "too many doses".

So when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced in September 2021 that the third doses of the Pfizer and the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines would soon be available to Americans who were first in line to receive their initial two-shot vaccines, some experts questioned the need for it for most people – except the elderly or immunocompromised – and called it "over-vaccination" owing to a lack of data.

Later, the third dose became the norm worldwide, although India still called it a "precaution dose" and continues to do so, while many Western countries recommend repeated boosters, some with updated vaccines against the current Omicron variant. The debate over the best vaccination strategy continues.

The man who received 217 shots

In January 2022, an octogenarian from Madhepura district in Bihar claimed to have received more than 11 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine because it helped him with joint and back pain that had eluded other forms of treatment. At the time, some scientists worried about "over-vaccination". Since the subsequent doses beyond the first two may not have been reported, it faded from the headlines.

But on March 4, a study published in *The Lancet* reported a shocking case of "over-vaccination" by a 62-year-old German man who received over 217 COVID-19 shots over 29 months for "private reasons".

Researchers found out about his case from media reports and conducted a detailed study to investigate the immunological and other effects of over-vaccination on his body. Their investigation revealed much about immune function and the effects of over-vaccination. They compared their findings to a reference cohort of 29 healthy persons who received 'only' three COVID-19 vaccine doses.

Between November 2019 and October 2023, the man underwent routine examinations for various reasons, which indicated no vaccination-related anomalies on 62 parameters. No vaccine dose caused issues for the German individual. He never got a minor SARS-CoV2 infection either, according to rapid antigen/RT-PCR and nucleocapsid serology assays.

The antibody titres were much greater than the control group vaccinees, with serum neutralisation capability 5.4-fold and 11.5-fold higher for wild-type and Omicron B.1.1.529 spike proteins, respectively.

They also reported that he exhibited antibodies that were not found in the control group and that some antibodies were also detected in his saliva. Advanced "quality" tests of antibodies showed no significant difference from the control group. Strong "over-vaccination" did not increase or impair antibody quality either.

Finally, the researchers evaluated individual immune cells to discern the "exhaustion" of immune cells from repeated vaccination – and found none. Throughout the study, more antibody titres showed the individual's immune system's ability to respond to the antigen despite hyper-stimulation.

In sum, even after over-vaccination, the COVID-19 vaccinations were well-tolerated and effective.

Are too many doses bad for you?

The investigations did not harm the person, and raised many questions: Are too many random vaccine doses at random intervals safe for anyone? Can a single case study generalise safety? Do two to three years suffice to assess vaccine safety? How might such high vaccine doses affect an individual's immune system?

Many experts have discussed 'immune tolerance' and 'immune exhaustion' – especially of the T cells. Long COVID pathogenesis, when the SARS-CoV-2 virus persists in the body for a long time, has been carefully investigated in relation to this issue. Scientists have found no evidence that COVID-19 vaccinations do this. The vaccines merely briefly expose the immune system to antigens. Each shot injects a small quantity of antigen, triggering a momentary immunological response.

However, naturally sick people produce viruses and antibodies throughout the body for days or weeks. The human common-cold coronavirus and rhinoviruses infect people multiple times every year, often at short intervals, without harming their immune systems. Our immune system responds to environmental exposure on an hourly basis without getting tired. The recent vaccines are more sophisticated. They use only a portion of an organism or a few antigens, unlike smallpox and whole-cell pertussis vaccines, which include thousands.

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In the new study, immunological profiling indicated repeated vaccinations or infections stimulated the immune system, making it more responsive. Interestingly, the immune system also developed faster, stronger, and broader, protecting against more new variants.

A probable downside

Cancer and HIV can cause immune-fatigue due to chronic foreign-object exposure. So the immune system might become 'exhausted' and stop responding after repeated encounters. Thankfully, COVID-19 has not shown this yet. Recent research has revealed that repeated vaccines and spontaneous infections in fact boost COVID-19 immunity.

Despite these promising results, over-vaccination should be avoided. The COVID-19 vaccines have been associated with autoimmune diseases like immune thrombotic thrombocytopaenia, autoimmune liver disorders, Guillain-Barré syndrome, IgA nephropathy, rheumatoid arthritis, and systemic lupus erythematosus.

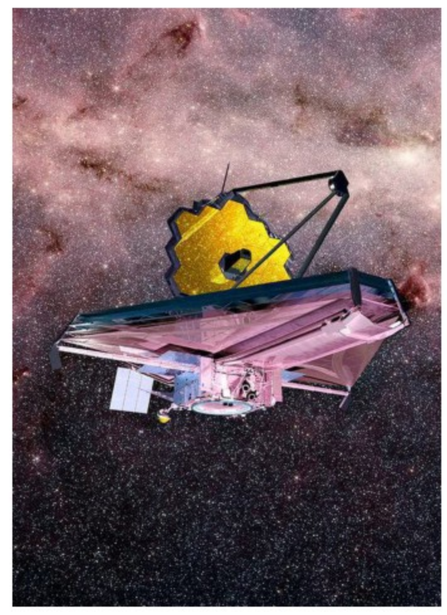
Molecular mimicry, autoantibody synthesis, and vaccine adjuvants appear to contribute significantly to these disorders. The relationship between a COVID-19 shot and these conditions' symptoms is unclear. This said, overloading the immune system rarely causes harm. Hypervaccination may rarely cause an 'Arthus reaction', a condition characterised by localised acute small-vessel inflammation and possibly entire limb edema. Repeated tetanus and diphtheria vaccination injections have been shown to have this reaction.

As we know, there are two broad types of immunity: innate and adaptive. When innate immunity is permanently stimulated, and the intensity of the reactions is stronger, these mechanisms may be directed against the host and subsequently stimulate acquired immunity. The cytokines, oxidative stress, and high nitric oxide production accompany this manifestation.

Other issues pertain to the principles of immunisation. In this instance, an interval between doses ranged from two days to two months. Most vaccines, including the mRNA vaccines, work best when there is a defined minimum interval between the two doses against one particular disease. A shorter interval usually elicits a suboptimal immune response than adequately spaced doses.

One must stick to the laws of science and, in this case, the principles of vaccination. We must endorse the caution the authors advised to avoid attempting such over-vaccination without evidence on a sufficient number of subjects. In addition, the study is a good illustration of how we can seize on the opportunities to advance science for the benefit of all. Conversely, the results will also reassure the vaccine-hesitant community about the safety of vaccines.

(Dr. Puneet Kumar is a clinician, Kumar Child Clinic, New Delhi, with a special interest in infectious diseases and vaccination. Dr. Vipin M. Vashishtha, is past convener, IAP Committee on Immunisation, and director and pediatrician, Mangla Hospital and Research Center, Bijnor.)



The James Webb Space Telescope has spotted a galaxy where star formation has ceased. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Oldest 'dead galaxy' yet is spotted by James Webb Telescope

Reuters

The James Webb Space Telescope since becoming operational in 2022 has uncovered numerous surprises about what things were like in the universe's early stages. We now can add one more: observations of a galaxy that was already 'dead; when the universe was only 5% of its current age.

Scientists said on March 6 Webb had spotted a galaxy where star formation had already ceased by roughly 13.1 billion years ago, 700 million years after the Big Bang event that gave rise to the universe. Many dead galaxies have been detected over the years, but this is the earliest by about 500 million years.

"The galaxy seemed to have lived fast and intensely, and then stopped forming stars very rapidly," said astrophysicist Tobias Looser of the Kavli Institute for Cosmology at the University of Cambridge, lead author of the study published in the journal *Nature*.

"In the first few hundred million years of its history, the universe was violent and active, with plenty of gas around to fuel star formation in galaxies. That makes this discovery particularly puzzling and interesting," Dr. Looser added.

> **'Once star formation ends, existing stars die and are not replaced. This happens in a hierarchical fashion, by order of stellar weight, because the most massive stars are the hottest and shine the brightest, and as a result have the shortest lives'**

This galaxy is relatively small, with perhaps 100 million to one billion stars.

After a galaxy stops forming new stars, it becomes a bit like a stellar graveyard.

"Once star formation ends, existing stars die and are not replaced. This happens in a hierarchical fashion, by order of stellar weight, because the most massive stars are the hottest and shine the brightest, and as a result have the shortest lives," Kavli Institute astrophysicist and study co-author Francesco D'Eugenio said.

"As the hottest stars die, the galaxy colour changes from blue - the colour of hot stars - to yellow to red - the colour of the least massive stars," Dr. D'Eugenio added. "Stars about the mass of the sun live about 10 billion years. If this galaxy stopped forming stars at the time we observed it, there would be no sun-like stars left in it today."

The researchers determined this galaxy experienced a burst of star formation spanning 30 to 90 million years, then it suddenly stopped. They are trying to figure out why.

NASA's Webb is able to look at greater distances and thus farther back in time, than the Hubble space telescope. Among other discoveries, Webb has enabled astronomers to see the earliest-known galaxies, which have turned out to be larger and more plentiful than expected.

In the new study, the researchers were able to observe the dead galaxy at one moment in time. It is possible, they said, it later resumed star formation.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Ice cream: once the frosty dessert of aristocrats

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

In the last period of classical Japan, between around 800 and 1200 AD, people would preserve water as ice during the winter. During the summer, they would shave slivers off this ice, pour a flavoured syrup onto them, and serve them to the aristocracy. What was this dish called?

QUESTION 2

In the 16th century, some people found that when ____ was added to very chill water, it froze sooner. In the 17th century, which was still a time before the invention of refrigeration, people used this effect to prepare sorbets. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 3

The word for this chilled dessert comes from the Persian term for 'covered cup'. It has its origins in 16th Century Delhi, under the Mughal Empire, when cooks prepared it by slow-cooking sweetened milk while stirring it continuously. The action forces the milk to condense and harden. Next, it is placed inside a pot filled with ice and the answer to Q2. Name this dish.

QUESTION 4

In this a particularly modern way to make ice cream, you add the contents of the delicacy in a bowl while also slowly adding ~200 ml of liquid _____ and stirring with a wooden spoon. It should be ready in minutes. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 5

What type of mixture is ice cream? Hint: it consists of ice-cream crystals suspended in a mixture of sugar and water, among other things.

Answers to March 7 quiz:

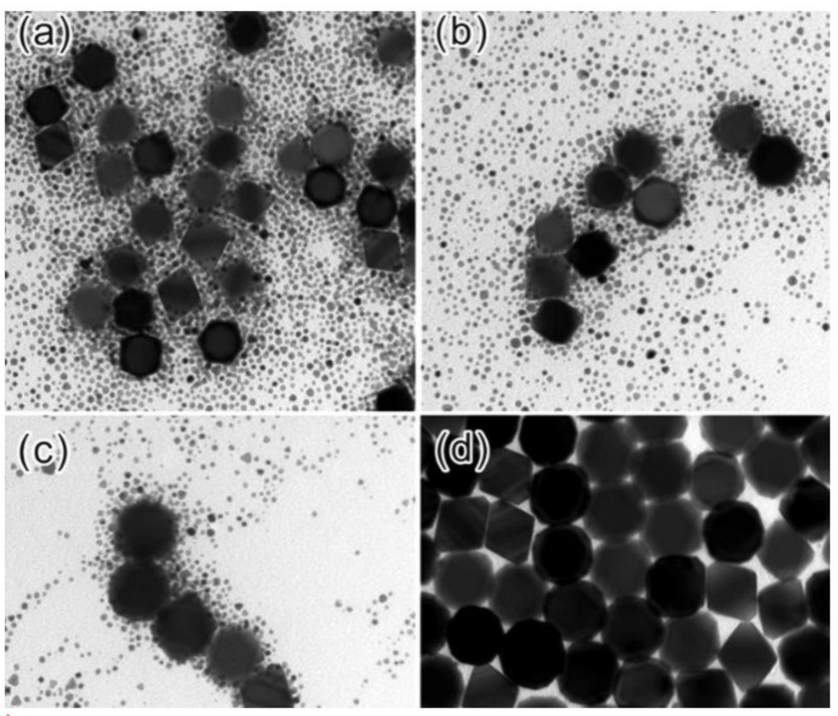
1. State of matter that lacks long-range order – **Ans: Glass**

2. Material with long-range order in the liquid state – **Ans: Liquid crystal**

3. Material with microphase separation and sold as substitute for natural rubber – **Ans: Copolymer**

4. State of matter in which quantum spins point in random directions – **Ans: Spin glass**

5. State of matter found in neutron stars and white dwarfs – **Ans: Degenerate matter**



Visual: Name the phenomenon shown where large palladium crystals absorb smaller ones to get bigger. Ice crystals in ice cream need to be bigger or they will undergo this process and lower the product's shelf life. ZHAORUI ZHANG ET AL

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‘State has not seen such a drought in 30-40 years’

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said there was no question of releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu now; of the 13,900 borewells in Bengaluru, 6,900 have dried up

WATER WOES

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Accusing some of politicising the water crisis in Bengaluru to criticise the government, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Monday said that Karnataka was facing the worst drought conditions in the last 30 to 40 years.

“There is no shortage of water in areas serviced by Cauvery water. Those areas dependent on borewells have been facing crisis as borewells have dried up. The government has taken adequate steps to mitigate the problem,” he told presspersons here on Monday.

Of the 13,900 borewells in Bengaluru, 6,900 borewells have dried up creating water shortage, he said, adding that water is being supplied through tankers in affected areas.

Claiming that the Congress government has stopped the water mafia, he said that it has been ensured that water is being supplied to people at reasonable rates while in slums water is being given free of cost.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has accused some of politicising the water crisis in Bengaluru.

“Separate rates have been fixed for water supply to apartments and industries. Already about 1,500 private water tankers have registered with the government and time has been extended for others to register. The police, BBMP and RTO officials have been asked to put a government board on registered tankers. These measures have helped in preventing tanker owners from fleecing people,” said Mr. Shivakumar, who is also the Water Resources Minister.

Mr. Shivakumar added, “The government has decided to redrill dry borewells and sink more borewells besides seeking an agreement with farmers of Anekal and other villages south of Bengaluru to supply water. The Cauvery Stage V meant to supply water to 110 villages will be completed by May.”

He also said that the solution to the water crisis is contruction of Mekedatu balancing reservoir.

Meanwhile, on claims by the BJP that the State government had released water to Tamil Nadu despite severe water crisis in Karnataka, Mr. Shivakumar said the allegations were far from the truth.

“We have not released water to Tamil Nadu and we will not release (too). We have responsibility with respect to water management. We have protected the interest of farmers in Cauvery basin and will continue to do so.” When Tamil Nadu is not asking for water, why should Karnataka leave (water), he asked.

The water from KRS has been released to secure drinking water needs of Bengaluru as water level in Shiva reservoir had receded.

Concerns over ban on using potable water for non-essential purposes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day after the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) issued an order prohibiting the usage of potable water (Cauvery and borewell) for non-essential purposes and a fine of ₹5,000 for a violation, residents of independent houses have raised concerns about not having alternative sources of water for non-potable purposes.

The order states that drinking water should not be used for washing cars or watering plants. While many living in apartments have access to water from a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), which is usually reused, independent houses have no such option.

“As groundwater is a common resource, in our layout, we had decided not to drill individual borewells when we constructed houses decades ago. We only get Cauvery water in our house. Like every other house in Bengaluru, we also have a small garden, which would wither in this heat without water. Hence, while being conscious about water usage, we have to continue using Cauvery water for our plants,” said a resident of Dodda Bommasandra.

A file photo of sprinklers being used to water plants in front of the Vidhana Soudha. A BWSSB order states that drinking water should not be used for washing cars or watering plants.

> Who owns groundwater? Pleading with people to conserve water is the approach that should be used. The government is trying to do something just for the sake of optics.
>
> **VIJAYAN MENON,** Citizens Action Forum member

> Those in individual houses can use a bucket of water for cleaning. They can also use a little amount of water for plants. The key is to not waste water.
>
> **RAM PRASATH MANOHAR,** BWSSB chairman

Moreover, citizens are wondering how BWSSB will verify if someone is using Cauvery or borewell water, or other water for non-potable purpose.

“According to Easement Act 1884, the ground water belongs to owners. If I had a borewell, I would not be willing to give my water to the State. They cannot simply bring about rules and tell people not to use water. How will they even verify which water we are using,” asked Sneha Nandihal, a resident of Indiranagar.

Referring to a PIL plea filed by Citizens Action Forum (CAF), Vijayan Menon, a member of CAF, raised an important question. “Who owns groundwater? The implementation of a rule like this is impossible. Pleading with people to conserve water is the approach that should be used. The government is trying to do something just for the sake of optics.”

BWSSB chairman Ram Prasath Manohar clarified that it is not a blanket ban on using water for non-consumption purposes, but ‘there should be a temporary minimisation of water usage’.

“Those in individual houses can use a bucket of water for cleaning, but they should not use a hose and wash their car. They can also use a little amount of water for plants. The key is to not waste water,” Mr. Manohar said.

When asked about implementation, he said that the meter readers of BWSSB will tour their jurisdiction early in the morning and late in the evening to check for violations. He appealed to citizens to report any violation they see in their surroundings. “We will send our teams, verify and then penalise if there is violation,” he said.

INBRIEF

Six persons held in rowdy murder case

The West Division police on Monday arrested a gang of six persons allegedly involved in the murder of Shiva alias Sharath alias Vatte, 35, at Anjanappa garden on Friday.

The accused have been identified as Chandrasekhar, Shekhar, Manikantha, Kiran Chinnappa, Stephen, and Simbu.

According to the police, the accused and Shiva were from the same area. Shiva was involved in many criminal cases and allegedly used to harass roadside vendors to extort money and also allegedly harassed and humiliated the accused to dominate the area. Unable to bear his harassment, the accused ganged up with Stephen, who had recently come out on bail in former councillor Rekha Kadiresh’s murder case .

As per the plan, the accused, armed with weapons, attacked Shiva and killed him on the spot before fleeing, said the police.

Bidadi police recover 30 human skulls and bones from makeshift temple

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bidadi police on Sunday arrested a 35-year-old man and recovered 30 human skulls and bones which he had stored in a makeshift temple to allegedly perform rituals and black magic.

Based on an alert from villagers, a police team rushed to Jogaradoddi village in Bidadi police station limits and arrested Balarama and seized the skulls and bones along with other material for further investigation.

The skulls and bones have been sent to FSL for analysis, a senior police officer said.

According to the police, Balarama used to live alone in the makeshift temple on his farmland adjacent the Bidadi industrial area, and would never allow anyone inside his land. He had constructed a shed at the corner of his land and converted it into a Kali temple.

The human skulls and bones found at a temple near Bidadi.

The police found the skulls and bones kept around the Kali portrait with a trident and vermillion, indicating that he performed rituals frequently.

An initial probe revealed that the accused would never allow anyone in the makeshift temple either and would visit a graveyard at night to allegedly perform rituals. Worried villagers had warned him not to visit the graveyard, but Balarama continued his visits.

On Sunday, a full moon day, Balarama visited the graveyard, which led the villagers to suspect his behaviour and they ventured into the makeshift temple, where they noticed the skulls and bones.

Based on the information, the police arrested Balarama and subjected him to questioning to ascertain the source of the skulls.

A high school drop-out, Balarama used to live on his ancestral property and had a property dispute with his relatives. He used to own a hotel and also worked as the caretaker of a graveyard from where he is suspected to have collected the skulls and bones, the villagers alleged.

Balarama used to live in the makeshift temple as the police recovered a few utensils and clothes from there. The police also seized the utensils and clothes for analysis.

Villagers further alleged that the accused was practising black magic to gain “special powers” against his rivals. The police are awaiting the FSl report to further investigation.

Procession row: Three arrested for stabbing youth to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Initially, the police suspected that the death was due to injuries caused from the glass on a compound wall

The Byatarayanapura police on Monday arrested three people for allegedly stabbing a 23-year-old young man to death in a trivial row over dancing during a religious procession on Shivaratri.

The accused, Chethan, Ranga, and Pawan, have been charged with murder and remanded in judicial custody.

According to the police, Yogesh, who worked at a car wash service centre, went to attend Shivaratri celebrations at a local temple in Muneshwara Block on March 8.

While dancing, he accidentally stepped on the accused, which led to a heated argument.

In the melee, the trio allegedly beat up Yogesh, following which Yogesh tried to escape. But the accused chased him and stabbed him to death before fleeing the spot, said the police.

Initially, the police, who found him inside the compound of a house, suspected that the death was due to injuries caused from the glass pieces on the compound wall.

However, the post-mortem report revealed that the death was owing to stab injuries, following which the police began to probe and gathered details before arresting the accused.

From Page One

Harmful colouring agents in cotton candy banned

The findings of a survey, conducted from February 12, reveal that the samples with artificial colouring agents were unsafe for consumption as per The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and The Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. With respect to the use of Tartrazine in gobi manchurian, the Minister said that though Tartrazine is an approved artificial food colour, there are restrictions on its usage. “There are a list of food items in which it can be used, and the quantum to be used is also prescribed. This is for packed food items. However, Tartrazine cannot be used for a freshly prepared food item,” Mr. Rao explained.

Violators face a fine of up to ₹10 lakh, cancelling of licence, and prison terms ranging from seven years to life imprisonment under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Act.

“Some colouring agents are allowed in the packaging industry. Law has a detailed list of chemicals to be used, and banned items. We are not doing anything new. We are applying the law based on the findings of research. Many colouring agents have been found to be carcinogenic.”

In future, he said, action would be taken against those using banned chemicals in other food products too.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the issue dated March 12, we take a look at how XR (Extended Reality) start-ups are seeing increased demand from enterprises in manufacturing, construction equipment, power, oil and gas, and automotive among others, for solutions that aid industrial training.

Covishield demonstrated more robust immune response compared to Covaxin, finds study

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

A new study by a consortium of 11 institutes, led by scientists from the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), has found that the Covishield vaccine demonstrated more robust immune responses compared to Covaxin.

The study compared the immunogenicity of Covishield and Covaxin, the two primary COVID-19 vaccines widely used in India.

The findings of the study, which have been published in the journal *The Lancet Regional Health Southeast Asia*, offer valuable insights into the quality and quantity of immune responses induced by these vaccines against SARS-CoV-2, with significant implications for shaping future vaccination strategies. The key findings state that Covishield, leveraging a virus vector to deliver the spike protein of the coronavirus, consistently demonstrated more robust immune response compared to Covaxin, an inactivated virus vaccine.

Vials of Covaxin and Covishield vaccines.

“Notably, Covishield exhibited a near-complete immune response in the majority of participants, whereas the response to Covaxin was variable, particularly among those inoculated before the emergence of the omicron variant,” states the key findings released by NCBS.

The study, carried out from June 2021 to January 2022, involved assessing 691 participants, aged between 18 and 45 years, from Bengaluru and Pune.

It examined their vaccination records and monitored their immune responses at different intervals, both prior to and following vaccination.

Further, according to the key finding, Covishield induced higher antibody levels in both seronegative (individuals without prior exposure) and seropositive (individuals with prior exposure) subjects, suggesting a more potent and enduring immune response.

Covishield elicited a higher number of T cells compared to Covaxin, indicative of a stronger immune response.

According to the findings: “Covishield consistently exhibited higher level of antibodies against various virus strains compared to Covaxin, suggesting its potential superior protection against variants such as omicron”.

“Follow-up studies on vaccine immunology and the analysis of immune protection factors were lacking and, there’s a scarcity of comparative studies on these two vaccines. This is one of the very few studies that not only investigates the immune responses of participants after vaccination, but also considers their immune history prior to vaccination,” said Mangaiarkarasi Asokan, former programme head, VISION (Vaccine Immunology Studies-Indian Outbreak-response Network) and lead author of the study.

Satyajit Mayor, scientist, NCBS-TIFR, said that this study was done at the height of the pandemic and reflected a collective sentiment to bring evidence-based decision-making to the outcomes of vaccination in the Indian population.

“Analysis of the data and exploring the collected bio-resources will inform future immunisations strategies, at least for Covid. Finally, the outcome of the study where Covishield was shown to outperform Covaxin in all respects, should have important implications to strategise future vaccination drives,” Prof. Mayor said.

Timings
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Bengaluru Today
34°C A dry weather to continue. Morning will be pleasant with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night also will be pleasant.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
35°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be pleasant with mist and haze. Day will be warm and uneasy. Night will be pleasant.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of proxy staffers in Mizoram's govt. departments

3,365 Mizoram's State government employees have hired substitutes to illegally work in their place in various departments, especially in rural areas. The education department has highest number of substitutes at 1,115. PTI

Worth of trade accord signed by India with European countries

100 in $ billion. India has signed a trade agreement with four European countries including Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland creating one million direct jobs in India in the next 15 years. AP

Norway to eliminate custom duties for Indian exports

98 in percentage. Following India's signing of a free trade pact with a four-member European bloc, Norway's Minister of Trade and Industry, Jan Christian Vestre, hailed the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement as a significant milestone. PTI

The death toll in flash floods and landslides in Indonesia

26 More bodies were found as floodwaters receded in Indonesia's Sumatra island after heavy rains triggered flash floods and landslides. About 11 people are still missing. Monsoon rains in West Sumatra submerged over 37,000 houses. PTI

Share of delivery persons to face workplace violence

41.5 in percentage. The share of cab drivers to face violence at work was 47%. A majority of them want the 10-min delivery policy to be discontinued, according to Delhi-based NGO PAIGAM. PTI

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Why did the top Court reject SBI's plea?

What were the reasons given by the State Bank of India to the Supreme Court on why it could not furnish the relevant details pertaining to electoral bonds to the Election Commission of India? What was the contempt plea filed against the public sector bank?

BACKGROUNDER

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:

On March 11, the Supreme Court dismissed a plea by the State Bank of India (SBI) to extend the deadline for providing details of electoral bonds purchased anonymously and their encashment by political parties to June 30, 2024. A five-judge Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud gave the bank 24 hours, that is, by the close of business hours on March 12, to provide the details to the Election Commission of India (ECI). It was also hearing a contempt plea filed by NGOs – Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and Common Cause – against the SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khera that contended that the bank was deliberately trying to ensure that details of donors and the amounts contributed to political parties anonymously were not disclosed to the public before the Lok Sabha elections due in April-May. Analysis reveals that the BJP was the scheme's greatest beneficiary.

Why was the contempt petition filed?

The petition was filed in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's verdict on February 15 striking down the electoral bonds scheme, where the Court had directed the SBI to furnish details of the bonds to the ECI by March 6, 2024. These details were to include the date of purchase of each bond, the name of the purchaser of the bond and the denomination of the bond purchased. The ECI was subsequently ordered to publish all such information shared by the SBI on its official website by March 13, 2024.

Why did the SBI seek more time to comply?

On March 4, the SBI filed a nine-page application before the Court seeking time till June 30 to provide the ECI with the required details regarding the purchased electoral bonds. The bank said that the information and documents were scattered across its various branches and decoding them was a "time-consuming exercise."

According to the public sector bank, not only were the details not maintained centrally at one place, but the data related to the issuance of the bond and data related to the redemption of the bond were recorded "in two different silos." This was done to ensure that donors' anonymity was protected, it said. The Court was also apprised that donor details were kept in a sealed cover at the designated branches and all such sealed covers were then deposited in its main branch located in Mumbai. "It can thus be noted that both sets of information were being stored independently of each other. Thus, to re-match them would be a task requiring a significant amount of effort... the retrieval of information from each silo and the procedure of matching the information of one silo to that of the other would be a time-consuming exercise," its plea said.

The SBI added that while some details such as the number of bonds issued are stored digitally, others such as the names of the purchasers and Know Your Customer documentation are stored physically in its various branches to "achieve the object of the scheme."

The bank further submitted that it needs to decode 22,217 electoral bonds issued between April 12, 2019, to February 15, 2024. This would involve compiling and comparing 44,434 information sets (equal to twice the number of bonds issued) as the details relating to buyers and recipients of bonds were kept in two different information silos, the bank said.

Demanding accountability: CPI(M) workers stage a protest against the State Bank of India (SBI), outside the SBI office, in Chennai, on March 6. PTI

Why was the extension plea challenged?

The contempt plea alleged that the bank was deliberately trying to ensure that the amounts contributed anonymously to political parties were not disclosed to the public before the Lok Sabha elections.

It was also pointed out that the bank's stand was directly contradictory to an affidavit filed by the Union government on March 15, 2019, which said that information about the bonds was completely traceable and quickly available.

The petitioners further claimed that the SBI maintains a secret number-based record of donors who buy bonds and the political parties to which they donate. Additionally, each electoral bond also possessed a unique number making it easier to trace it, they contended. "A simple query on the database can generate a report in a particular format which does not require any manual verification," the plea said.

Highlighting that the SBI had enough manpower to retrieve the information within the stipulated deadline, the petitioners pointed out, "The SBI has 2,60,000 employees, 22,500 worldwide branches administered by a headquarters, 17 local head offices, 101 zonal offices and 208 foreign offices in 36 countries. It is hard to believe that the SBI is not able to gather information which the SBI has itself recorded." Referring to Section (4) of Clause 7 of the scheme that makes it mandatory to disclose information furnished by a buyer when demanded by a competent court, the petitioners claimed that "it is inconceivable that the SBI does not have the recorded information readily available within its database."

The petitioners also relied on a Right to Information response given by the bank to retired Commodore Lokesh Batra in 2018, saying that it had spent ₹60.43 lakh on IT system development, ₹89.72 lakh on operational costs and that the net cost for floating of electoral bonds was ₹1.5 crore. "This implies that a well-functioning IT system is already in place with respect to management of sale and redemption of electoral bonds," the plea asserted. Pointing out that only 19 out of the 29 the SBI authorised branches sold electoral bonds and only 14 branches encashed them, the plea said that "data available as of January 2024 further shows that only 25 political parties had opened their account and are eligible for encashing electoral bonds" and "therefore, compiling of this information should not be difficult as the system is already in place."

Such a "defiant approach" of the SBI attempts to stifle a citizen's right to audit actions of the political class and is therefore contemptous, the petitioners concluded.

What did the top court say?

At the outset of the proceedings, senior advocate Harish Salve appearing for the bank submitted that matching the bonds purchased and names of donors with the parties which redeemed the bonds was a "time-consuming and complex" exercise. He explained that the details were kept in two separate silos and not stored in a digital format.

But the CJI pointed out that the judgment had not asked the bank to "match" information to ascertain who contributed to which parties and only wanted a "plain disclosure". He asserted that the SBI in its own application said that such information was "readily available".

Pointing out how the bank had not even bothered to mention what it had been doing for the past 26 days since the February 15 judgment, the Chief Justice remarked, "You are the SBI... There should be some candour from your part. What have you been doing for the past 26 days? There is not a word about that in your application". Indicating the seriousness of the directives, Justice Sanjiv Khanna asked whether the bank wanted a specific judicial order to open the sealed covers containing the bonds' details right there in the courtroom.

Although the Bench said that it did not want to initiate contempt proceedings against the SBI, it underscored that it was putting the bank on notice and that it would take action if the SBI failed to ensure compliance.

Why are the SBI's claims contested by experts?

Professor Jagdeep Chhokar, founder-member and trustee of the ADR, termed the SBI move "not surprising but unfortunate." He earlier told *The Hindu* that the "data is obviously in digital format and collecting data from different States and locations and taking four months for that is impossible in this day and age."

Concurring with this, former Finance Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg told *The Wire* that such information was "available at the click of a button" and that the bank had either deliberately misconstrued or failed to understand the "simple nature of the six bits of information" that they are required to give to the ECI.

According to a report published in *The Reporter's Collective*, the SBI has previously provided similar data to the Union government as well as the Finance Ministry within 48 hours. It pointed out that all electoral bond-related work was overseen by a specific team of the SBI called the Transaction Banking Unit (TBU) to ensure that the government can access crucial information on a short notice.

In 2019, a *Huffington Post* investigation divulged that in a January 2018 meeting, the SBI had asked the Union Ministry of Finance to include a serial number on the bonds to have an audit trail. The bank believed that without such a number, it would fail to submit information on donors and redeemers of bonds if a competent court or law enforcement agency asked for it.

THE GIST

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3D(1) and (2) of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) and the Amendment Act, 1997, the Government of India vide its Gazette Notification No. S.O.1030(E) dated the 05-03-2024 published the following notification the lands are covered by National Highway No. 73 in the stretch of land from

Km. 40.00 to Km. 75.00 (Punjalkatte - Charmadi Section) in the district of DAKSHINA KANNADA in the state of KARNATAKA; required for land acquisition for road construction (widening / two lane with paved shoulder/four lane etc) In Dakshina Kannada of Karnataka State. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) (2) (3) and (4) of section 3(G) of the Highways Act and the amendment of 1997, it is hereby notified to the landlords mentioned in the schedule and to the persons having interest in the said lands to that landlords mentioned in the schedule have been confiscated by Central Government for above the purpose, the relevant official documents for deciding and paying the compensation for the said lands, i.e. original deed of the land (2) copy of the order in case of land conversion, (3) purchase/sale/other documents, (4) present R.T.C. (5) copy of mutation and receipt of payment of revenue and compensation claimed (with suitable justification) at the time and date mentioned in this notice either by you through your authorized representative or their advocates, before the Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Officer, National Highway – 73&275, First Floor, Vittal Arcade Building, Near Kottara Chawki, Derebail Village, Ashoknagar Post Office, Mangalore -575006.

A personal request should be presented before him along with application

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Taluk	Name of the Village	Date and Time
1.	DAKSHINA KANNADA	BANTWALA	PILATHABETTU	28/03/2024 (11.00 AM)
2		BELTHANGADI	MALADI	28/03/2024 (11.00 AM)
3			SONANDUR	28/03/2024 (3.00 PM)
4			KUKKALA	28/03/2024 (3.00 PM)
5			PARENKI	30-03-2024 (11.00 AM)
6			KUVETTU	30-03-2024 (11.00 AM)
7			BELTHANGADY	01-04-2024 (11.00 AM)
8			LAILA	02-04-2024 (11.00 AM)
9			UJIRE	03-04-2024 (11.00 AM)
10			CHIBIDRE	04-04-2024 (11.00 AM)
11			KALMANJA	04-04-2024 (3.00 PM)
12			MUNDAJE	05-04-2024 (11.00 AM)
13			CHARMADI	06-04-2024 (11.00 AM)

Sd/-
Maninkya N. (KAS)
Special land Acquisition Officer
Competent Authority
Indian National Highways 73 and 275,
Kottara Chawki, Mangalore.

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 5th March, 2024

S.O.1030 (E).—Whereas by The notification of the GOVERNMENT of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 1915(E) Dated:26/07/2023 , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub- section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central GOVERNMENT declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH73 in the stretch of land from Km. 40.00 to Km. 75.00 (Punjalkatte - Charmadi Section) in the district of DAKSHINA KANNADA in the state of KARNATAKA;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Vijaya Karnataka" and "The Hindu" both dated 25.07.2023; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central GOVERNMENT hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km. 40.00 to Km. 75.00 (Punjalkatte - Charmadi Section) of NH 73 in the state of KARNATAKA.

State: KARNATAKA **District: DAKSHINA KANNADA**

Sl. No.	Survey/ plot number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectares)	Name of Land Owners/Interested Person
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Bantwala				**Village: Pilathabettu**	
1	137/1B	Common (Private / Government)	Dry	0.020235	Government
2	137/2	Common (Private / Government)	Dry	0.016188	Government
3	15/4A	Private	Dry/ NA K	0.004047	Suresh Moolya S/o.Thimmappa Moolya
4	15/4B	Private	Dry/ NA K	0.0131527	Suresh Moolya S/o.Thimmappa Moolya
5	6	Common (Private / Government)	Dry	0.0131527	Government
Taluk: Belthangadi					**Village: charamadi**
6	111/14	Private	Wet	0.0060705	P.K.AHAMMED KUNHI S/O.P.K.MOIDIN KUNHI& OTHERS
7	111/16	Private	Wet	0.0515992	AVVAMMA W/o. K. Abbas
8	111/17	Private	Wet	0.0030352	AVVAMMA W/o. K. Abbas
9	111/2	Private	Dry	0.044517	SHARADHA, D/O. ISHWARAPPA ACHARYA, ANANDA, SUNDARA, MOHAN ACHARYA, SUNDRI, SUSHEELA, JAGADEESHA, PRABHAVATHI, HARISHA, SANTHOSH, KIRAN, YOGISHA, DIVYA, SWATHI
10	111/6	Private	Wet	0.028329	C.GOPALA GOWDA AND OTHERS, JOSEPH T.C. Interested Party:- K. MAHAMMED SHARIEF S/O.UMMARE BYARI,
11	111/7	Private	Wet	0.0141645	SMT. ASHIKA A.R. W/O. MOHAMMED ASIF S.I.
12	113/1	Private	Wet	0.1153395	HOSAMANE RAZAK KADAR IBRAHIM ABDUL RASHID
13	113/14	Private	Wet	0.097128	K MOOSE KUNHI S/O. HAMMED KUNHI @ HAMAD KUNHI
14	113/3	Private	Wet	0.068799	DHARNAPPA S/O.UMANA GOWDA
15	113/9	Private	Wet	0.0101175	HASAINAR, HAMMAD KUNHI
16	129	Private	Dry	0.012141	H SHARATHCHADRA RAO S/O. H SRINIVAS RAO
17	132/1A	Private	Dry	0.024282	SOMAPPA POOJARY S/O. VENKAPPA POOJARY, M.U. FAROOQ (SY.NO. 132/1) 132/1
18	132/1B	Private	Dry	0.04047	M U FAROOQ S/O. M.HAMEED (SY.NO. 132/1) 132/1
19	132/2A	Private	Dry/NA K	0.0020235	GOVT
20	132/2B	Private	Dry/NA K	0.0536227	GOVT CHARMADI MASJID
21	132/3	Private	Dry	0.012141	H RAVIPRASAD RAO S/O. H SRINIVAS RAO
22	132/4	Private	Dry	0.0101175	NISSAR MAHAMMED ALI S/O. MACHAR HAMEED
23	132/6	Private	Dry	0.0141645	H RAVIPRASAD RAO S/O H SRINIVAS RAO
24	133/15	Private	Dry	0.0030352	A FAUZIYA W/O ISMAIL
25	133/1B	Private	Dry	0.0151762	ANANDA POOJARY S/O DHARMANA POOJARY
26	133/21	Private	Dry/NA K	0.0010118	H SHARATHCHADRA RAO S/O. H SRINIVAS RAO
27	133/23	Private	Dry	0.0010118	ABDUL AZEEZ S/O ABDUL HAMEED
28	133/25	Private	Dry	0.0030352	SUNDARA ACHARI
29	133/39	Private	Dry	0.0101175	ANANDA POOJARY S/O DHARMANA POOJARY
30	133/7A	Private	Wet	0.0060705	SUNDARI SHARADA, RAJEEVI, VARIJA, YOGINI, LALITHA, NAGAVENI, NARAYANA ACHARI, SHRINIVAS, CHANDRA RAO, PURNIMA BHAT, SHASHIKALA, SATHISHA, ANANDA ACHARI, RATHNA, ABDUL YASHODHA, ANANDA ACHARI
31	133/7B1	Private	Wet	0.016188	ABDUL KHADER , B. H. ABDUL HAMEED, B. H ABDUL KHADAR, NEFISA, NAFEESA.
32	133/7B6	Private	Dry	0.0020235	NOUSHIYA W/O HAKEEEM
33	133/7B7	Private	Dry	0.0010118	H SHARATHCHADRA RAO S/O. H SRINIVAS RAO
34	133/7C1	Private	Dry	0.0141645	ABDUL RASHID S/O HAMAD KUNHI
35	133/7C2	Private	Dry	0.008094	VASANTH MADHAVA HEBBAR, SHRINIVASA HEBAR, U SAROJA R HEBBAR, GOPALAKRISHNA HEBBAR NERIYA,N RADHAKRISHNA HEBBAR, RAJALAKSHMI G SOMAYAJI
36	133/7D1	Private	Dry	0.020235	JAYA PRAKASH, PM MARIYAMMA, AYISHA, YUSUF, ABDUL RAHIMAN, MAHAMMED SHARIF, AND OTHERS
37	133/7D2	Private	Dry	0.0101175	LAKSHMANA POOJARY S/O DHARMANA POOJARY
38	141/10B1	Private	Wet	0.0101175	JAYANTHA S/O. SHRIDHARA JAYALAXMI, DIVYA, PRASHANTHA, ASHWIJA
39	141/10B2	Private	Wet	0.0010118	ALIYAMMA, ABBAS, JUBAIDA, MOOSEKUNHI, ASHRAF, AVVAMMA
40	141/33	Private	Wet	0.008094	PURUSHOTHAMA S/O. BABU MOOLYA
41	141/34	Private	Wet	0.0222585	CHAMARAJA S/O. BABU MOOLYA
42	141/35	Private	Wet	0.00675	LEELAVATHI D/O.BABU MOOLYA
43	141/37	Private	Wet	0.004047	KESHAVA MOOLYA G
44	141/39	Private	Wet	0.008094	KESHAVA MOOLYA G
45	141/7	Private	Wet	0.028329	JAYANTHA S/O. SHRIDHAR JAYALAXMI, DIVYA, PRASHANTHA, ASHWIJA
46	143/16	Private	Dry	0.012141	YASHODHA W/O.HARI POOJARY HAREESHA, JAYARAMA, SHUBHA, MINOR KESHAVA
47	143/17	Private	Dry/NA K	0.0060705	BALAKRISHNA
48	143/1A	Private	Dry	0.0020235	MOHINI SATHISH
49	143/1B	Private	Dry	0.036423	SURESHA S/O. KARGI HENGSU
50	143/20	Private	Dry	0.012141	VASANTHI, RAJESH, SHOBHA, GULABI
51	143/2B1	Private	Dry	0.016188	UMAVATHI D/O.JOGANNA GOWDA (Sy. No. 143/ 2B2) 143/2B2
52	158/3	Private	Dry	0.004047	SAVITHRI W/O.RAMESH @ GUMMANNA MOOLYA MINOR ASHIKA, MINOR VARSHINI, MINOR KRITHIKA
53	158/4	Private	Dry	0.0060705	SUSHEELA W/O.THUNGAPPA MOOLYA
54	158/5	Private	Dry	0.0070823	DIVYA KUMARI W/O. PRADEEP
55	158/6	Private	Dry	0.0010118	KALYANI W/O.KRISHNAPPA MOOLYA, RAMANNA MOOLYA S/O.SANKAPPA MOOLYA & OTHERS, SUSHEELA W/O. THUNGAPPA MOOLYA, DEVAKI W/O SADASHIVA MOOLYA, CHENNAMMA W/O. NARAYAN KULAL, SAVITHRI W/O.RAMESH @ GUMMANNA MOOLYA, MINOR ASHITHA MINOR VARSHINI MINOR KRITHIKA
56	158/6C	Private	Dry/NA K	0.004047	Government 158/B6C
57	158/B4	Private	Dry	0.008094	S.ABDUL MUNAF S/O SAFI BYARI
58	158/B5	Private	Dry	0.008094	HAMZA CHARMADI S/O. C. MOOSA KUNHI
59	158/B6A	Private	Dry/NA K	0.0135	GOVT
60	158/B6B	Private	Dry/NA K	0.004047	GOVT
61	160/1A1	Private	Dry	0.064752	YASHODHA, JAYA,RATHNA,SURESHA, GEETHA,JAYARAMA POOJARY
62	160/1A2	Private	Dry	0.0060705	APSARA C.K.
63	162	Private	Garden	0.1477155	P GOWRI W/O MUTHAIAH NAIK AND OTHERS
64	163/1	Private	Garden	0.267102	P GOWRI W/O MUTHAIAH NAIK AND OTHERS
65	56/8B2	Private	Garden	0.0101175	K.H.SHALINI RAO W/O. HARISH RAO AND ANUSOOYA K. W/O. RADHAKRISHNA RAO & OTHERS
66	56/9	Private	Garden	0.0060705	PREMA W/O.ANNU POOJARY
67	58/1	Private	Dry	0.016188	UPENDRA SHANUBHOG BHAMINI SHANKAR NARAYANA SHANBHOG
68	58/2A1	Private	Dry	0.0111293	AHMED KUNHI C.A S/O. U K. ABDUL RAHIMAN, AND C A.IBRAHIM, CA USMAN
69	59/2C	Private	Wet	0.0020235	C.IBRAHIM S/O MOIDIN BEARY AND SAJIDA
70	60/6	Private	Garden	0.0101175	K HARISH RAO
71	60/7	Private	Wet	0.004047	K HARISH RAO
72	60/8B	Private	Wet	0.020235	SUSHILA, DIVAKARA RAO, MADHUKAR RAO, KARUNAKARA RAO, RATHNAKARA RAO, RAVISHANKER SANTHOSHKUMAR
Village: Laila					
73	103/20	Private	Wet	0.008094	JALANDHAR SHETTY S/O SHAMA SHETTY AND OTHERS
74	103/7A	Private	Wet	0.012141	T RAMA BHAT S/O NARASIMHA BHAT
75	103/7B2	Private	Wet	0.024282	SAVITHRI D/O ISHWARA BHAT
76	103/7C1	Private	Wet	0.020235	T RAMA BHAT S/O NARASIMHA BHAT
77	103/7C2	Private	Wet	0.048564	SAVITHRI D/O ISHWARA BHAT
78	103/7D1	Private	Wet	0.044517	B.S. BABURAJ S/O SEBASTIYAN
79	103/7D2	Private	Dry/NA K	0.04047	SEETHALAKSHMI W/O K VIJAYAKUMAR AND OTHERS
80	103/7E1	Private	Wet	0.008094	V.S. BABURAJ S/O SEBASTIAN
81	103/7E2	Private	Wet	0.028329	NEENA BALIGA W/O NIRANJANA BALIGA
82	103/8	Private	Wet	0.0060705	JALANDHAR SHETTY S/O SHAMA SHETTY AND OTHERS
83	104	Common (Private / Government)	Dry	0.044517	GOVT
84	110/10	Private	Dry	0.024282	DR. K.JAYARAMA SHENOY S/O. K.UMANATHA SHENOY & OTHERS
85	110/11	Private	Garden	0.008094	U VIVEKA PADVETNAYA S/O U BALAKRISHNA PADVETNAYA, PANDURANGA SHENOY & OTHERS
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Understanding the basic principles of artificial intelligence

Large language models are trained on a large corpus of text in which some words are randomly replaced by blanks and the machine's task is to fill in the blank. While trying to learn to predict the next word in the text correctly, the machine also learns something about the real world

Vasudevan Mukunth

Intelligence is the capacity of living beings to apply what they know to solve problems. 'Artificial intelligence' (AI) is intelligence in a machine. There is currently no one definition of AI. A simple place to begin is with AI's material existence, as a machine-software combination.

Steps of thinking

Consider linear classification, a simple example-problem: plot some points on a graph and find a way to draw a straight line through the graph such that it divides the points into two distinct groups.

Let's make this more abstract. How would a machine differentiate between a cat and a dog in a picture?

Say you give the machine 1,000 pictures of cats and 1,000 pictures of dogs, and ask it to separate them. (This task is usually not given to a linear classifier but it illustrates a point.) You also equip the machine with tools – say, a camera and an app that can measure distances of different parts of an image, can analyse depth (using trigonometry), and can assess colours.

The machine can proceed by classifying the cat and dog pictures in different ways: by shape of the face, shape of the eyes, shape of the paw, body size, size of the tongue, fur colours, etc. Because the machine has the necessary computing power, it can plot these features two at a time on a graph. For example, the x-axis can represent the slope of the face and the y-axis the length of the paw. Or it can plot them three at a time in a 3D graph.

In all these cases, you watch until the machine has found a way to separate the pictures into two groups such that one group is mostly cats and the other is mostly dogs. At this point, the machine has been trained and you stop it.

Thinking, slow and fast

Sometimes it's very easy to separate a given dataset into two pieces, when you can make reliable decisions with only one parameter (e.g. face shape).

Sometimes it's more difficult – like asking the computer of a driverless car to determine whether it should apply the brake based on how fast a bird is flying in front of the car. The set of outcomes on one side of the line stand for 'no' and the outcomes on the other side stand for 'yes', and solving this could require hundreds of parameters.

They will also have to account for the context of decision-making. For example, if the person in the car is in a hurry to get to a hospital, is killing the bird okay? Or if the person in the car is not in a hurry, how quickly should the car brake? etc.

Sometimes it's mind-boggling. For example, ChatGPT is able to accept an input question from a user, make 'sense' of it, and answer accordingly. This 'sense' comes from its training corpus: the billions of sequences of words and sentences scraped from the internet.

ChatGPT learnt not by classifying words but by predicting the next word in a given sentence. In particular, large language models (LLMs) like ChatGPT generate the text response without classifying it or relating the question to similar examples. This is why generative AI is different from a classification model.

LLMs are trained on a large corpus of text in which some words are randomly replaced by blanks and the machine's task is to fill in the blank. While trying to learn to predict the next word in the text correctly, the machine also learns something about the process that created the text: the real world. ChatGPT is so good because it uses more than 100 billion parameters.

The types of learning

Linear classification is a fairly simple algorithm in machine-learning. There are many algorithms that serve this purpose, and some of them are very complex. The three main ways in which 'machines' can be classified depending on the way they learn are supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and reinforcement learning.

In supervised learning, the data is labelled (for example, in a table, the row and column titles are provided and datatypes – numbers, verbs, names, etc. – are pointed out). In unsupervised learning, this information is withheld, forcing the machine to understand how the data can be organised and then solve a problem. In reinforcement learning, engineers score the machine's output as it learns and solves problems on its own, and uses the scores to adjust its performance.

The way in which information flows inside the machine is governed by artificial neural networks (ANNs), the software that 'animates' the hardware.

The machine's 'brain'

An ANN comprises computing units, or nodes, connected together in such a way that the whole network learns the way an animal brain does. The nodes mimic neurons and the connections between nodes mimic synapses. Every ANN has two components – activation functions and weights.

The activation function is an algorithm that runs at a node. It accepts inputs from other nodes to which it is connected and computes an output. The inputs and outputs are in the form of real numbers. The weight is the 'importance' an activation function gives to an input. Say there are different nodes to estimate the fur colour, tail length, and dental profile in a given photo of a cat or a dog. All these nodes provide their outputs as inputs to a node responsible for separating 'cat' from 'dog'. This way, the nodes can be 'taught' to adjust their outcomes by adjusting the relative weights they assign to different inputs.

While nodes are computing units, the ANN itself is not a physical entity. It is mathematical. A node is the 'site' of a mathematical function. Put differently, the ANN is like an algorithm that passes information from one activation function to the next in a specific order.

Nvidia's dominance

A graphic processing unit (GPU) is the physical processor that 'runs' the ANN. It was originally developed to render graphics for video games. It was better at this task than other processors at the time because it could run computing tasks in parallel. It has been widely adopted since as the basic computing unit for ANNs for the same feature.

The company Nvidia has emerged as a technology giant because of its production of GPUs. Its valuation was the fastest in history to go from $1 trillion to $2 trillion (in nine months). Every other company that has been building large AI models is using Nvidia's GPU-based chips to do so. In a 2023 analysis, financial services provider Seeking Alpha wrote Nvidia's overwhelming market share has stoked "resistance" in three ways: competitors are trying to develop to non-GPU hardware; researchers are building smaller ANNs that require less resources; and developers are building new software to sidestep dependency on specific hardware.

With inputs from Viraj Kulkarni.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The film *Oppenheimer* overwhelmed the competition at the 96th Academy Awards by winning seven awards. A quiz on the Oscars

Radhika Santhanam

QUESTION 1

This American, an important presence in the history of animation, is famous for creating characters of barnyard animals. He was presented with an honorary Academy Award consisting of one full-size award and seven smaller ones. Who is he and what do the seven small ones represent?

QUESTION 2

Along with *Titanic* and *Ben-Hur*, this movie, which is part of a trilogy, has the highest number of wins at the Academy Awards. Name the film.

QUESTION 3

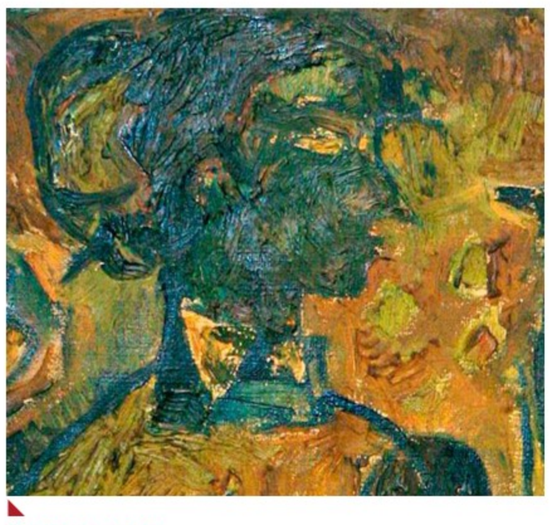
This film, based on a Pulitzer-winning novel by Alice Walker, was nominated for 11 Academy Awards, but went home empty-handed. Name it.

QUESTION 4

During the 89th Academy Awards, *La La Land* was announced as the winner for Best Picture. The whole team of the film went on stage and accepted the award. Then it was announced that another film had actually won Best Picture. Name that film.

QUESTION 5

In 1940, Hattie McDaniel, the winner of the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress, sat at a separate table in the room with her escort and her agent and not with the rest of the team of the film *Gone With The Wind*. When she died, her final wish, to be buried in the Hollywood Cemetery, was denied. Why?



Visual question:

This painting by V.S. Gaitonde is of a woman artist who was a member of the Bombay Progressive Artists' Group. She later went on to win an Academy Award. Name her.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:

1. The first ever player to appear in 100 Test matches. **Ans: Colin Cowdrey**
2. The only player to have played his entire career without missing any Tests. **Ans: Brendon McCullum**
3. The only player to have led his country in more than 100 Test matches. **Ans: Graeme Smith (South Africa)**
4. The only player to have scored a century in each innings in his 100th Test. **Ans: Ricky Ponting**
5. The two players to have scored a double century in their 100th Test. **Ans: Joe Root and David Warner**
6. The connection between the duos of Kapil Dev and Sachin Tendulkar and Shane Warne and Graeme Smith. **Ans: Kapil's 100th Test was Sachin's debut Test and similarly Warne's 100th test was Smith's debut Test.**
7. These two players played their first and 100th Test matches against the same opponent in the same ground. **Ans: Carl Hooper and Angelo Mathews**

Visual: Idenfitfy the two players and what connects them. **Ans: Gordon Greenidge and Javed Miandad. They were the only players to have scored a century on their Test debut as well as 100th Test.**

Early Birds: Prashant Nain| Tamal Biswas| Rajmohan. V

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Mr. E. S. Chandrasekaran, Mahalingapuram, Madras, wants to know why 'to' is left out in 'I went home.'"

"It is a matter of usage. He went home, not 'he went to home'. 'To' is used with 'house'.

I went to his house.
Go home and bring your books.
Go to his house and bring him here.

With verbs of motion, 'to' is not used before 'home'.

I came home late in the night.

But 'to' is used when 'home' is preceded by a descriptive phrase.

She moved to her new home yesterday.
They went to her brother's home."

"Prof. M. Sethuramakumar wants to know whether the sentence 'Supper is cooking' is correct."

"It is correct. Here it means that supper is being cooked.

Rice is cooking.

'Cooking' here means 'undergo the process of being cooked.' By the way, one who bakes is a baker, one who mends is a mender. One who cooks is not a cooker, but a cook. A cooker is an appliance for cooking. 'Cooker' also means 'type of fruit, especially apple, grown for cooking.'

These are cookers and not apples that are eaten raw.

A cook-general is a servant who performs the duties of a cook and housemaid."

"Ms. Sheila Singh wants to know the difference between 'inhibit' and 'prohibit'."

" 'Prohibit' means 'to forbid, to prevent.'

Parking is prohibited in this area.

An outside authority is implied in 'prohibit'. 'Inhibit' means 'to prevent a process or an action.'

This medicine will inhibit further spread of the disease.

'Inhibit' also means 'prevent somebody from doing something that should be natural or easy to do.'

She feels very inhibited in the presence of elders.

'Inhibition' is a psychological term which means 'a restraint on the direct expression of an instinct.' Informally, it is used to mean 'an emotional resistance to a thought, an action.'

She has inhibitions about speaking in public."

"Mr. J. L Monteith, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, writes: "Your definition of 'watershed' (April 23) is absolutely correct in terms of English as used in Britain and most of the Commonwealth. In American English, however, a watershed is the area that collects rainfall rather than its perimeter, so it is synonymous with 'catchment' in British English. For reasons that I have not been able to discover, all Indian scientists and government departments follow the American terminology, described as 'erroneous' in Chambers's Dictionary and deplored by Fowler in Modern English Usage."

"Thank you for your remarks on 'watershed.' It is true that in American English 'watershed' means 'a drainage or catchment area.' 'Watershed' as used in British English is known as 'waterparting or divide' in American English.

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Word of the day

Throng:
a large gathering of people; press tightly together or cram

Synonyms: jam, pack, pile, mob, concourse, multitude

Usage: *She pushed her way through the throng.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/throngpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /θɹɒŋ/

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208	197/2B	Private	Dry	0.00405	SEBASTIAN M.D.S/O. DEVASYA
209	197/4	Government	Dry/NA K	0.0002023	GOPALAKRISHNA K. S/O. K SEETHARAMA BHAT
210	200/2A2	Private	Wet	0.0060705	MOHINI K.W/O. LATE DHANANJAYA & OTHERS
211	200/2A3	Private	Wet	0.0060705	SMT. UMA G SHEKHA W/O. DR GAGADHAR SHEKHA
212	200/2A4	Private	Wet	0.008094	SMT. UMA G SHEKHA W/O. DR GAGADHAR SHEKHA
213	200/2A5	Private	Wet	0.020235	MARY ANTONY W/O.LATE P.M.ANTONY
214	201/3A2A	Private	Dry	0.028329	SUSHILA VEENA M.BHAT W/O. M.S.ANANTHARAMA BHAT
215	201/ 3A2C1	Private	Dry	0.016188	NARAYANA KARANTHA S/O. K.KOTAPPAYYA KARANTHA INTERESTED PARTY DARMANNA
216	201/3C	Private	Dry	0.0222585	GOVT
217	202/12	Private	Dry	0.016188	RAGHUVEER BHANARKAR S/O.LATE VENKATESH BHANDARKAR
218	202/13	Private	Dry	0.036423	U. RAMESH PRABHU S/O.U. VASUDEVA PRABHU
219	202/14	Private	Dry	0.016188	U. RAMESH PRABHU S/O.U. VASUDEVA PRABHU
220	202/15	Private	Dry	0.169974	SHRIDHARA PADVETNAYA U.SHRINIVAS RAO PADVETNAYA INTERESTED PARTY MAHAMMED IQBAL S/O. ALIYABBA
221	202/2	Private	Dry	0.012141	SHRIDHARA PADWETNAYA S/O SHRINIVAS RAO PADWETNAYA (MOOLIDAAR) INTERESTED PARTIES- SURESH KAMATH
222	202/3	Private	Garden	0.024282	SHRIDHARA PADWETNAYA S/O SHRINIVAS RAO PADWETNAYA (MOOLIDAAR)) PURCHASER : SRI RAMA BHAJANA MANDIRA
223	202/37	Private	Dry	0.016188	U. RAMESH PRABHU S/O.U. VASUDEVA PRABHU
224	202/38	Private	Dry	0.0030352	SHRIDHARA PADVETNAYA S/O.U. SHRINIVASA RAO PADVETNAYA
225	202/4	Private	Dry	0.0263055	SHRIDHARA PADWETNAYA S/O SHRINIVAS RAO (MOOLIDAAR) KRISHNANANDA NAIK (RTC OWNER) INTERESTED PARTY : USHA S RAO W/O SADANANDA RAO
226	202/5	Private	Dry	0.0151762	SHRIDHARA PADWETNAYA S/O SHRINIVAS RAO PADWETNAYA, INERESTED PARTIES 1) GOWRI SHENOY W/O LATE GOKULDAS SHENOY, 2) GOWRAV SHENOY S/O LATE GOKULDAS SHENOY 3) ALIMAMMA W/O BASHEER 4) NEBISA D/O BASHEER
227	202/6	Private	Dry	0.016188	SHRIDHARA PADWETNAYA S/O SHRINIVAS RAO PADWETNAYA, (MOOLIDAAR)
228	202/7	Private	Dry	0.036423	SHRINIVAS PRABHU , U SHRIKANTH PRABHU, U SHRINIVASA PADWETNAYA, MASTER VISHWNATHA , SHRIDHAR PADWETNAYA, U SHRI LAKSHMI PRABHU & OTHERS, GOPALAKRISHNA PRABHU

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229	202/9	Private	Dry	0.056658	VIMALA W/O MANJUNATHA GOWDA & OTHERS, MEENAKSHI W/O LATE UDAYA KUMAR
230	204/1	Private	Dry	0.012141	SHRIDHARA PADWETNAYA (MOOLIDAAR) INTERESTED PARTY SHOBHA PRABHU,JYOTHI PRABHU, RAGHAVENDRA PRABHU, AYYAPPA PRABHU,
231	204/2	Private	Dry	0.0101175	SHRIDHARA PADVETNAYA S/O.U. SHRINIVASA RAO PADVETNAYA & OTHERS
232	204/3	Private	Dry	0.0070823	SHRIDHARA PADWETNAYA S/O SHRINIVAS RAO PADWETNAYA (MOOLIDAAR) INTERESTED PARTY: SEETHARAMA KALA MANDIRA
233	204/4	Private	Dry	0.0060705	SHRIDHARA PADVETNAYA S/O. U. SHRINIVASA RAO PADVETNAYA & OTHERS
234	204/5	Private	Wet	0.0101175	SHRIDHARA PADVETNAYA S/O.U. SHRINIVASA RAO PADVETNAYA & OTHERS
235	204/6	Private	Dry	0.0070823	K SHIVAKANTHA GOWDA S/O THIMMAYYA GOWDA
236	204/7	Private	Wet	0.0070823	SHRINIVAS RAO PADWETNAYA S/O KRISHNA PADVETNAYA (MOOLIDAAR) INTERESTED PARTY 1.CHERIYEMONU, 2. JAIN COMPOUND UJIRE
237	205/1	Private	Wet	0.0718343	ESHWARA DEVADIGA AND OTHERS, SUGUNA W/O SANJEVA DEVADIGA & OTHERS, VIJAYALAKSHMI W/O THUKARAMA PRASAD 7 OTHERS
238	205/2A1	Private	Wet	0.0252938	SHIVARAMA GOWDA S/O THIMMAYYA GOWDA
239	205/2B	Private	Wet	0.0182115	NAMRATHA N. PRABHU W/O. LATE H. NARASIMHA PRABHU
240	205/4	Private	Wet	0.0151762	ESHWARA DEVADIGA AND OTHERS, SUGUNA W/O SANJEVA DEVADIGA & OTHERS, VIJAYALAKSHMI W/O THUKARAMA PRASAD 7 OTHERS
241	206/1A1	Private	Dry	0.0020235	1. SUNDAR GOWDA 2. BHARATH KUMAR
242	206/ 1A2A1 A1	Private	Dry	0.0030352	LUIS SERAVO S/O. LAWRENCE SERAVO
243	212/4	Private	Dry	0.0627285	1. JOHARA 2. PADMAKSHI AND ANANTHA MOHAN (MOOLIDARRARU) SRINATHA PRABHU (MOOLAGENI) 3. JANARDHANA PRABHU (MOOLAGENIDHARARU) 4. PRAKASH S/O RAJU MESTRI 5. PRAKASH KADAM 6. AYYAPPA PRABHU 7. DR SHRINATH PRABHU 8. GRAMA PANCHAYATH UJIRE
244	212/5	Private	Dry	0.004047	JOHARA, DARNAPPA GOWDA, HUSAIN BYARI, HAMMABBA BYARI
245	213/1	Private	Dry	0.020235	GOVT
246	457/1A2	Private	Dry	0.004047	SMT. STELLA PERERA W/O SILVESTER FRANK
247	457/1B1	Private	Dry	0.004047	B. PRABHA P BALIGA W/O PANDURANGA BALIGA
248	457/1B2	Private	Dry	0.004047	RATHNAVATHI W/O DHARANAPPA GAWDA
249	457/8	Private	Dry	0.004047	RESHMA W/O LAXMAN G D,, PREEETHIKA D/O BIBIYANA PINTO,KAIRUNNEESA W/O RAHEEM, PANCHAYATH ROAD, INTERESTED PARTY:- PANDURANGA BALIGA
Village: Mundaje					
250	117/2	Private	Dry	0.0020235	M.JAYANANDA SHETTY S/O.NARAYAN SHETTY
251	141/1	Private	Garden	0.137598	MAHADEVA V KHADILKAR S/O. VASANTHA MAHADEVA KHADILKAR
252	141/2	Private	Garden	0.024282	MAHADEVA V KHADILKAR S/O. VASANTHA MAHADEVA KHADILKAR
253	141/ 3A	Private	Dry	0.008094	MAHADEVA V KHADILKAR S/O. VASANTHA MAHADEVA KHADILKAR
254	141/ 3B	Private	Dry	0.056658	MAHADEVA V KHADILKAR S/O. VASANTHA MAHADEVA KHADILKAR
255	142/ 2B1	Private	Dry	0.028329	MAHADEVA V KHADILKAR S/O. VASANTHA MAHADEVA KHADILKAR
256	142/3A	Private	Dry	0.169974	MAHADEVA V KHADILKAR, SMT.KUNNIGEA HENGSU W/O. GURUVA HARIJANA
257	142/4	Private	Dry	0.020235	HAMZA S/O. G.K IBRAHIM,
258	145/1	Private	Garden	0.0060705	K.GOPALAKRISHNA S/O.V KRISHNOJI RAO
259	145/ 2A	Private	Garden	0.008094	K.GOPALAKRISHNA S/O.V KRISHNOJI RAO
260	145/ 2B	Private	Garden	0.0010118	RAMANAYHA PATAVARDHAN S/O. NARAYANA PATAVERDHANA
261	145/ 3A	Private	Garden	0.004047	DAYANANDA PATAVARDHAN S/O. NARAYANA PATAVARDHANA
262	145/ 3B	Private	Garden	0.0030352	DAYANANDA PATAVARDHAN S/O. NARAYANA PATAVARDHANA
263	145/5	Private	Garden	0.004047	MOHAN PATAVARDHAN S/O. NARAYAN PATAVARDHANA
264	145/6	Private	Garden	0.0050587	VIKAS P. S/O.VENKATESH PATAVARDHANA
265	146/1	Private	Garden	0.0182115	HARIKESHA NARAYANA PATAVARDHANA S/O. NARAYANA PATAVARDHANA
266	147/10	Private	Dry	0.028329	P A SEBASTIAN S/O.AUGUSTIN
267	147/6	Private	Garden	0.0020235	P.A.SEBASTIN S/O. AUGUSTIN
268	147/7	Private	Wet	0.036423	P A SABASTIAN S/O AUGUSTIN
269	147/8	Private	Garden	0.133551	RAVI KIRAN MARATE S/O.DIVAKARA MARATE
270	191/5	Private	Dry	0.0870105	GOVT
271	246	Common (Private / Government)	Dry	0.072846	SHOBHA, BINDUMATHI
272	252/10	Private	Dry	0.0091058	N. ABBAS S/O. LATE HAMMED BYARI
273	252/11	Private	Dry	0.0010118	MOHAMMED BASHEER S/O.LATE HAMMED BYARI
274	252/2	Private	Dry	0.032376	MANDALA PANCHAYAT MUNDAJE
275	252/3	Private	Garden	0.0101175	MOHANDAS PRABHU S/O M.P. MANJUNATH PRABHU
276	252/4	Private	Garden	0.008094	BABY PADMAVATHI & OTHERS
277	252/5	Private	Dry	0.004047	HAMZA S/O.HAMMED BYARI
278	252/6	Private	Garden	0.012141	BEEPATHUMMA W/O.M.G.MOHIN & OTHERS
279	252/7	Private	Dry	0.004047	BEEPATHUMMA W/O.M.G.MOHIN & OTHERS
280	252/8	Private	Dry	0.004047	JAINABI D/O HAMMED BYARI
281	252/9	Private	Dry	0.0010118	HAMZA S/O. LATE HAMMED BYARI
282	253/1A1	Government	Dry	0.020235	A. GOPALAKRISHNA RAO S/O.M.SUBRAYA
283	253/ 1A2A1	Private	Dry	0.145692	A. GOPALAKRISHNA RAO S/O.M.SUBRAYA
284	253/ 1A2A3	Private	Dry	0.044517	V.A.ABBAS
285	253/ 1A2B	Private	Dry	0.1072455	SEBASTIYAN K S/O T T POULOSE
286	272	Private	Dry	0.0111293	LOKAYYA NAIKA S/O THIMMAPPA NAIKA
287	5/2A	Private	Dry	0.036423	LAXMI VENKATRAMANA TEMPLE ADMINISTRATIVE RAM BHAT MARATE DHARMASTHALA (MOOLIDAR) GANAPATHI BHAT (MOOLAGENIDAAR 0.03 CENTS) VASANTHI D/O. NARAYANA ACHARI SADASHIVA ACHARI S/O. NARAYANA ACGARI, SUMATHI W/O. SHRIDHARA ACHARI (0.06 CENTS)
288	5/2B	Private	Dry	0.012141	VASANTHI D/O. NARAYANA ACHARI SADASHIVA ACHARI S/O. NARAYANA ACGARI, SUMATHI W/O. SHRIDHARA ACHARI
289	5/3	Private	Dry	0.101175	LALITHA @ SEETHA PHADKE (0.01 CENTS) USHA W/O BALAKRISHNA BHAT (0.12 CENTS) SUSHEELA @ KUSUMA MARATE W/O SUDHAKAR MARATE (0.12 CENTS)
290	5/6	Private	Dry	0.0596933	ASHWINI LONDE W/O. ANANTHA VITALA LONDE & OTHERS
291	6/2	Private	Garden	0.0141645	MAHESH KUMAR LONDE S/O ANANTHA VITTALA LONDE
292	90/ 2A1A	Private	Dry	0.0091058	MOHINI MALLYA @ SHRIDEVI KAMATH W/O. K. SADANANDA KAMATH & OTHERS
293	90/ 2A1C	Private	Dry	0.004047	USHA R. KAMATH W/O. LATE K.RAGHUNATHA KAMATH & OTHERS
294	90/2A1D	Private	Dry	0.0091058	LATE RAMESH KAMATH LEGAL HEIRS 1)JAYALAKSHMI (WIFE) 2) VENKATESH KAMATH 3) POOJA KAMATH
295	90/2A2	Private	Dry	0.008094	N. KRISHNA SHENOY S/O.NARASIMHA SHENOY, SHESHAGIRI SHENOY S/O. NARASIMHA SHENOY
296	90/ 2A3A	Private	Dry	0.0020235	USHA R. KAMATH W/O. LATE K.RAGHUNATHA KAMATH & OTHERS
297	90/2B	Private	Garden	0.004047	MAHAGANAPATHI DEVARU ADMINISTRATOR GANESH PRABHU S/O RAGHUNATHA PRABHU
298	90/3A	Private	Dry	0.008094	ISMAIL S/O. MOOSE BYARI & OTHERS
299	90/3C1	Private	Dry	0.0030352	NEBISA W/O. ISMAIL
300	90/3C2	Private	Dry	0.0050587	ABDUL RAHIMAN S/O. ABDUL KHADAR, KHASIM S/O.ABDUL KHADAR
301	90/5	Private	Dry	0.0101175	MAHAGANAPATHI DEVARU ADMINISTRATOR GANESH PRABHU
302	99/2A	Private	Dry	0.0020235	TARA BAI KHADILKAR W/O. P.N. KHADILKAR
303	99/2B	Private	Dry	0.093081	AJANKYA KANCHANA RAO (MINOR) GAURDIAN RAKSHAKA V. KANCHAN RAO
Village: Kukkala					
304	7/3B	Private	Garden	0.004047	DISTRICT BOARD PRESIDENT MANGALORE
305	7/4A1	Private	Garden	0.009	SURESHCHANDRA BALIGA S/O.DAMODHAR BALIGA
306	7/4A2A	Private	Garden	0.0141645	SUGUNA D. BALIGA W/O.P. DAMODHAR BALIGA & OTHERS
307	7/4A2B	Private	Garden	0.004047	VALERIYAN DSOUZA S/O.LUIS DSOUZA
308	7/4A2C	Private	Garden	0.004047	OBAYYA POOJARY S/O.POOVA POOJARY
309	7/4A2D	Private	Garden	0.004047	P.MOHAMMED & ABDUL RAZAK S/O.P.MOIDINABBA
310	7/4A2E	Private	Garden	0.008094	SUGUNA D. BALIGA W/O.P. DAMODHAR BALIGA & OTHERS
311	7/4A3	Private	Garden	0.004047	GOVINDA BHAT
312	7/4B	Private	Garden	0.004047	DISTRICT BOARD PRESIDENT MANGALORE
313	7/5B	Private	Garden	0.007875	DISTRICT BOARD PRESIDENT MANGALORE
314	89/7A	Private	Dry	0.084987	GOVT
315	9/11	Private	Garden	0.0789165	SAFIYA W/O.MOIDINABBA & OTHERS AND A.ISUBU S/O. HAJI IDINABBA
316	9/12B2	Private	Wet	0.0101175	THERESA DSOUZA W/O NERI SALVADOOR D SOUZA
317	9/12B3	Private	Wet	0.004047	ASHOK D SOUZA
318	9/29A2	Private	Wet	0.004047	A.ISUBU S/O. HAJI IDINABBA
319	9/29B2	Private	Wet	0.1315275	MOHAMMED IMTHIYAJ S/O P YUSUF(0.25.5 CENTS) AND B RAMACHANDRA BALIGA S/O. LATE PANDURANGA BALIGA AND OTHERS 0.07 CENTS)
320	9/57	Private	Wet	0.036423	RESHMA JESINTHA LOBO W/O ASHOK THOMAS DSOUZA AND OTHERS
321	9/59	Private	Wet	0.0141645	JEROLD DSOUZA S/O BALTHU
322	9/60	Private	Wet	0.0101175	JEROLD DSOUZA S/O BALTHU
323	9/61	Private	Wet	0.0010118	GRACY DSOUZA W/O FRANCIS VEIGUS
324	9/64	Private	Wet	0.0010118	TERESA DSOUZA W/O CLADY LOBO
325	9/9A1	Private	Garden	0.0182115	MOHAMMED IMTHIYAJ S/O P YUSUF (0.02.5) AND SURENDRA KAMATH S/O. PADMANABHA KAMATH(0.02 CENTS)
326	9/9A2	Private	Garden	0.04047	MOHAMMED IMTHIYAJ S/O P YUSUF
Village: Paranki					
327	120/1	Private	Dry/NA K	0.008094	GOVT
328	120/6	Private	Dry	0.012141	VINAYAKA BALIGA S/O. GIRIDHARA BALIGA
329	143/1A	Government	Dry	0.105222	GOVT
330	143/ 3B1B2	Private	Dry	0.0495758	CHANRASHEKAR KULAL S/O.KINNI HENGSU (0.06.75 CENTS) INDIRA SURESH W/O. K. SURESH (0.05.5 CENTS)
331	20/10	Private	Dry	0.004047	SECRED HEART CHURCH MADNTHYARU & OTHERS
332	20/18	Private	Garden	0.004047	SHAMIN SILVIA DAYAS W/O. EDWIN BESIL DAYAS
333	20/21	Private	Dry	0.008094	RICHERD DMELLO S/O. BASIL DMELLO
334	21/2A1	Private	Garden	0.004047	B. NALINI W/O. LATE L.GANGADHAR & OTHERS
335	21/5	Private	Dry	0.004047	VITTAL BALIGA
336	22/5	Private	Wet	0.016188	LEENA MIRANDA D/O.THERESA DSOUZA & OTHERS
337	22/8	Private	Wet	0.0131527	MATHEW DSOUZA S/O. ALFONSA DSOUZA
338	22/9	Private	Garden	0.0020235	MATHEW DSOUZA S/O. ALFONSA DSOUZA
339	73/1	Private	Garden	0.0030352	LEENA MIRANDA D/O.THERESA DSOUZA & OTHERS
340	73/2	Private	Dry	0.089034	NOVEL DSOUZA S/O. ALFANSA DSOUZA
Village: Chibidre					
341	16/1	Private	Dry	0.222585	Government
342	17/10	Private	Wet	0.008094	HAJMAL KEDHMOL MAHAMMED S/O KEDHMOL MAHAMMED
343	17/12	Private	Wet	0.0050587	RUKIYA W/O. M.A. SHAFI & OTHERS
344	17/13	Private	Wet	0.004047	FIROZO W/O LATE DOWOOD, AND OTHERS
345	17/6	Government	Dry	0.0050587	GOVT
346	17/7	Private	Wet	0.0010118	K H IBRAHIM S/O.K.H. HUSAINAR
347	18/3A	Private	Wet	0.016188	K H IBRAHIM S/O.C.K. HUSAINAR
348	18/4B	Private	Dry	0.0060705	GOVT
349	19/7	Private	Dry	0.0141645	ROKY ADHIKARAM S/O. CHAKO
350	24/1	Private	Wet	0.0505875	ABDUL AZEEZ S/O.M.P. HASAN KUNHI
351	24/10	Private	Wet	0.044517	M P ABDULLA S/O. M.P. HASAN KUNHI
352	24/11	Private	Wet	0.0718343	M.P.ABOOBAKKAR S/O. HASAN KUNHI
353	24/12	Private	Wet	0.008094	M P IBRAHIM S/O. M.P. HASAN KUNHI
354	24/2	Private	Wet	0.0424935	M P ABDUL AZEEZ S/O.M.P.HASAN KUNHI
355	24/21	Private	Wet	0.0182115	MAIMUNA W/O ISMAIL M.
356	24/22	Private	Wet	0.0101175	ISMAIL S/O ADBULLA
357	24/24	Private	Wet	0.012141	SAFIYA D/O M P ABDUL KUNHI
358	24/25	Private	Wet	0.145692	RUKIYA W/O M.P.ABDUL AZEEZ, JOHARA D/O M.P. HASAN KUNHI
359	24/26	Private	Wet	0.044517	TAHIRA W/O ABDUL GAFOOR
360	24/37	Private	Wet	0.04047	ABOOBAKKAR S/O.ABDUL KHADAR
361	24/5A6	Private	Wet	0.0030352	D LOKAYYA GOWDA
362	24/5A7	Private	Wet	0.0020235	SHEKABBA S/O. HASAN KUNHI
363	25/1A1	Private	Wet	0.004047	B K IBRAHIM S/O MOIDIN KUNHI HAJI
364	25/1A2	Private	Wet	0.008094	B K IBRAHIM S/O MOIDIN KUNHI HAJI
365	25/1B	Private	Wet	0.0020235	BEEPATHUMMA W/O ISMAIL
366	25/2A	Private	Dry	0.032376	GOVT. SMT. MAMTHAJ, BEEPATHUMMA, ABDUL HAMEED U K AND OTHERS

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367	25/4	Private	Wet	0.0303525	ABDUL HANEF S/O ISMAIL
368	25/5	Private	Wet	0.036423	ABDUL HAMMED S/O. ISMAIL
369	25/6	Private	Wet	0.0505875	ABDUL RASHEED S/O. ISMAIL
370	25/7	Private	Wet	0.064752	ABDUL RAHIMAN S/O.ISMAIL
371	29/1A1A2	Private	Dry	0.0424935	ABDUL NASIR S/O. K. HAMEED
372	29/1A1A7	Private	Dry	0.0374348	ABDULLA D. S/O. MAHAMMED BYARI
373	33/12	Private	Wet	0.008094	BABURAJ V S S/O V D SEBASTIAN
374	33/4	Private	Dry	0.0020235	BABURAJ V S S/O V D SEBASTIAN
Village: Kalmanja					
375	179/1	Private	Dry	0.012141	RAJAGOPAL , K MADHU, PREMA, RAJENDRA, SAROJINI, JALAJA SHEKHAR, SATHISHA
376	189/22	Private	Wet	0.0010118	V.N. KHADILKAR S/O. NARAYANA KHADILKAR
377	189/23	Private	Wet	0.0060705	KUSUMAVATHI W/O.GANGA @ RAMESHA & OTHERS
378	189/7A	Government	Dry	0.044517	GOVT
379	189/7B1	Private	Garden	0.0627285	P. N KHADILKAR, (0.06.50 CENTS) S RAMANATHA KAMATH(0.02.5 CENTS), DIVAKAR(0.04.50 CENTS), N MADHAVA KAMATH(0.01.25 CENTS), RATHNAKARA ACHARYA (0.00.75 CENTS) Sy. No.189/7B]
380	189/7B2	Private	Garden	0.0060705	Diwakara gowda and other, NARASIMHA PRABHU S/O RAGHAVA PRABHU [Sy.No.189/7B] 189/7B
381	193/2	Private	Dry	0.0333878	GOVT
382	194/1	Government	Dry	0.0637402	GOVT
383	194/ 14B11	Private	Wet	0.0060705	SHRINIVASA GOWDA, S/O. KUMARA GOWDA, KAMALA W/O.KUMARA GOWDA
384	194/ 14B2	Private	Wet	0.0101175	N BABU NAIKA
385	194/ 14B4	Private	Wet	0.0070823	V J PAULOSE
386	194/ 14B6	Private	Wet	0.0101175	PREMALATHA W/O K.V.SANJEEVA POOJARY SANTHOSH, SANDHYALATHA, SAMPATH KUMAR
387	194/ 14B8	Private	Wet	0.0060705	S. DOOMA MALEKUDIYA S/O. SUBBA MALEKUDIYA
388	194/ 14B9	Private	Wet	0.0060705	GANESH PRASAD T. S/O. T. RAGHAVA GANIGA
389	194/ 34	Private	Wet	0.004047	T. RAGHAVA GANIGA S/O. SRINIVAS GANIGA AND GANESH PRASAD T.
390	194/ 4B	Private	Dry	0.0182115	P. N. KHADILKAR S/O. NARAYAN KHADILKAR
391	194/4C	Private	Dry	0.0111293	B.M. MAHAMMED
392	194/4D	Private	Dry	0.0070823	PADMANABHA NARAYANA KHADILKAR
393	216	Private	Dry	0.388512	SHOBHA, KIRAN P KADILKAR, NIRANJAN P KADILKAR, RAVISHANKAR BINDUMATHI, ACHALA MINOR AJINKYA SAREGUNDI, TARABAI, LAKSHMINARAYANA,
Village: Kuvettu					
394	127/13	Private	Dry	0.0212468	SA VAHIDA D/O. HAJI S. ABDULLA
395	127/14	Private	Dry	0.004047	S.ABDULA S/O IDINABBA
396	127/4	Private	Dry	0.0010118	BHAVANI K. RAI W/O.T.KRISHNA RAI
397	127/8	Private	Dry	0.008094	S.A.FATHIMATH ZARINA BEGAM W/O. ABDUL HAMEED
398	13/1A	Private	Dry	0.0091058	MIMUNA W/O. HASANABBA
399	13/4B1	Private	Dry	0.004047	G.SAIFULLA S/O G.ILLIAS SAHEB
400	13/4B2	Private	Dry	0.004047	G.ZAHIR AHAMMED S/O.G.ILLIAS SAHEB
401	13/4B3	Private	Dry	0.0131527	G.S ADAM SAHEB S/O.G.ILLIAS SAHEB
402	13/5	Government	Dry	0.0101175	GOVT
403	14/1	Private	Dry	0.0141645	GOVT
404	154/5	Private	Garden	0.0050587	THOMAS PIRERA S/O. MATHIAS PIRERA
405	154/6	Private	Garden	0.0010118	HYDER S/O.UNHJU BYARI
406	235/10	Private	Dry	0.024282	MUTHAMMA W/O.OBAYYA POOJARY
407	235/16	Private	Dry	0.012141	GOPALA S/O.KRISHNAPPA POOJARY
408	235/2	Private	Dry	0.056658	SHRIDHARA POOJARY S/O. BABU POOJARY
409	235/3	Private	Dry	0.028329	KRISHNAPPA POOJARY S/O. MAYILA POOJARY
410	235/4	Private	Dry	0.028329	D.PADMAVATHI W/O.D.G.KRISHNA BHAT
411	235/5	Private	Dry	0.060705	ANUPA KUMARI W/O. DHARANENDRA K.
412	235/8	Private	Dry	0.032376	K. MOHINI D/O. POOVANI POOJARY
413	64/1B1	Private	Dry	0.004047	SHAKUNTHALA D/O. KRISHNA BHAT
414	64/1B2	Private	Dry/NA K	0.0020235	K. GOVINDA BHAT S/O. NARASIMHA BHAT (KANYANA)
415	64/1C	Private	Dry	0.0010118	B.M.AAYISHA W/O.LATE.HAJI S.ABDULLA
416	64/3	Private	Dry	0.0010118	B.M.AAYISHA W/O.LATE.HAJI S.ABDULLA
417	92/2	Private	Dry	0.0263055	SUJITHA V BANGERA, H. MANOHAR RAI
418	92/4	Private	Dry	0.0050587	MOHANDAS RAI S/O. SADASHIVA RAI
419	92/5	Private	Dry	0.0060705	H. MANOHARA RAI S/O.K. LAKKANNA RAI
Village: Belthangady Kasaba					
420	101/C	Private	Dry	0.024282	PARASHWANATHA S/O RATHNAKARA SHETTY AND OTHERS NIRANJAN SHETT, SHAILESH SHETTY NARENDRA SHETTY
421	101/D	Private	Dry	0.028329	SHANTHESHWARA BASTHI ADMINISTRATOR K JAYAVARMA BALLA S/O PANDIRAJA BALLAR
422	101/E	Private	Dry	0.052611	Shantheshwara Basthi Administrator K Jayavarma Balla S/o Pandiraja Ballar
423	116	Common (Private / Government)	Dry	0.0667755	Government 116/3
424	125/2B	Private	Dry/ NA K	0.020235	Government
425	136/1	Private	Dry	0.0293408	K.M Kurian S/o Kurian Mathew
426	136/3	Private	Dry	0.036423	Government
427	171/1	Private	Dry	0.0060705	Dr. Jagannatha S/o Subbanna and others and Seethamma and others
428	171/6	Private	Dry/NA K	0.0030352	B. Jinnappa Sapalya S/o Anni Sapalya
429	19/3A	Private	Wet	0.0819518	PHILIP VEGUS S/O. ATTU VEGUS, BANTARA YANE NADAVARA SAGHA, MALATHIS. POOJARY W/O. SANJEEVA POOJARY, ABDUL RAZAK S/O. HAJI HASANABBA, JAYALAKSHMI W/O. B.PRAJOTH VASUDEVA
430	20/11	Private	Wet	0.008094	G.USMAN SHAFI S/O. G.YAKUB SHAFI
431	20/12	Private	Wet	0.0313642	MANMATHA KUMAR N. S/O. GULABI AND OTHERS, RAJESHWARI S. KUMAR d/o. late Gulabi, KESARI BALLAL, NANDITHA P. CHIPRE
432	20/13	Private	Wet	0.0192232	DHARANENDRA S/O. CHANDRA RAJA INDRA
433	20/14	Private	Wet	0.0060705	PUSHPALATHA JAYARAMA RAO W/O. JAYARAMA RAO
434	20/15	Private	Garden	0.020235	RAVI RAMA RAO S/O. PRABHAKAR RAO, (N.VasanthaBhat - Inerested Party)
435	20/16	Private	Wet	0.0182115	RAJAVARMA S/O.SHANTHIRAJAINDRA (Saleem S/O U H Mohammed -Interested Party)
436	20/17	Private	Wet	0.024282	ASHISH RAI S/O.VISHWANATHA RAI
437	20/19	Private	Wet	0.0030352	BALAKRISHNA S/O.VASU SHETTY
438	20/3A	Private	Wet	0.012141	NAGAKANNIKA S/O. RAVIRAJA SHETTY
439	20/3B	Private	Wet	0.04047	PRAMOD KUMAR JAIN B. S/O. H. PADMARAJA SHETTY
440	20/5	Private	Wet	0.0050587	K.ABBOBAKKER S/O. K AHMMED BAWA AND OTHERS, MOHAMMED SHARIF S/O. HAJIG. KUNHALI, HAJI V H SULIAMAN S/O. HAJI HASIANAR, G. USMAN SHAFI S/O. G.YAKUB SHAFI, HAJI ABDUL LATHIF S/O. B.MAHAMMED, MAHAMMED SHARIF S/O. BABA SAHEB
441	20/6A	Private	Wet	0.04047	SHANTHESHWARA BASTHI ADMINISTRATOR K JAYAVARMARAJA BALLALA AND OTHERS, U.PUSHPALATHA W/O. JAYARAMA & OTHERS
442	20/6B1	Private	Wet	0.004047	PRASHANTHA S/O. SHANTHIRAJA INDRA
443	20/6C	Private	Wet	0.0060705	CHANCHALA DEVI D/O. NAMIRAJAPPA
444	20/8	Private	Wet	0.0293408	K.ABBOBAKKER S/O. K AHMMED BAWA AND OTHERS, MOHAMMED SHARIF S/O. HAJIG. KUNHALI, HAJI V H SULIAMAN S/O. HAJI HASIANAR, G. USMAN SHAFI S/O. G.YAKUB SHAFI, HAJI ABDUL LATHIF S/O. B.MAHAMMED, MAHAMMED SHARIF S/O. BABA SAHEB
445	22/1	Private	Dry	0.0111293	PARSHWANATHA S/O.RATHNAKAR SHETTY & Others
446	22/2B	Private	Wet	0.0020235	PARSHWANATHA S/O.RATHNAKAR SHETTY & OTHERS
447	22/4	Private	Wet	0.044517	PARSHWANATHA S/O.RATHNAKAR SHETTY
448	22/9	Private	Dry	0.0131527	PARSHWANATHA S/O.RATHNAKAR SHETTY & OTHERS
449	44/3	Private	Dry	0.0060705	Government
450	44/7A	Private	Dry	0.0020235	Government
451	44/7B	Private	Dry/NA K	0.0020235	Government
452	44/8A	Private	Dry	0.024282	GOVT/NAGARA PANCHANYATH
453	44/8B	Private	Dry/NA K	0.0010118	GOVT/KUTYARU SOMANATHESHWARA TEMPLE
454	58/1	Government	Dry/NA K	0.008094	Govt/ MARIGUDI
455	58/2A3B3	Private	Dry	0.0020235	AL- MADINATHIL MONANARA EDUCATION CENTRE , UMMAR SHAKHIR AHAMMED S/O. AHMAD B M
456	58/2 A3B4A2	Private	Dry	0.0020235	JAYAVANI W/O. B. BHOJA, & OTHERS, NITHIN BABU S/O. LATE BHOJA
457	58/2 A3B4B2	Private	Dry	0.0030352	MAHAMMED IQBAL S/O. ABDULREHAMAN (Lakshman Shetty - 1/3rd Ownership Shop Holder [Sy. No.58/2A3B4B]
458	58/ 5A1B	Government	Dry/NA K	0.004047	RICHARD MONIS S/O. SELVADOR MONIS
459	58/ 5B	Private	Wet	0.004047	SHIVARAMA SOMAYAJI, NARASIMHA SOMAYAJI, S. RAJU SUVARNA S/O. BALAPPA (Interested Party Ragneesh S/o Ramananda Salian
460	58/5C1	Private	Wet	0.004047	SHIVARAMA SOMAYAJI, NARASIMHA SOMAYAJI, (Moolidar)SUMANAJI W/O. ANANTHARAJA SHETTY, MANOHAR PADIVAL, RAJAGOPAL HEBBAR AND OTHERS
461	58/ 5C3A	Private	Wet	0.004047	SHIVARAMA SOMAYAJI, NARASIMHA SOMAYAJI,GREGORI CHIKET PEREIRA S/O JOKIM SANTHAN-PEREIRA (LATE GREGORY BEKET PEREIRA S/O JOKIM SANTAM PEREIRA (MOOLAGENIDARA)
462	58/ 5C3B	Government	Dry	0.0060705	SHIVARAMA SOMAYAJI, VASUDEVA SOMAYAJI, T N TULUPULE PRAKASH TULUPULE,VASANTHA YANE NARAYANA MUKUNDA TULUPULE, SARASCHANRA TULUPULE
463	58/ 5C3C	Government	Dry	0.004047	SHIVARAMA SOMAYAJI S/O. VASUDEVA SOMAYAJI AND OTHERS NARASIMHA SOMAYAJI,PRAKASH TULUPULE S/O. MUKUNDA NARAYAN TULUPULE, MARSHALIN PINTO W/O. STANY PLAUS NIKOLUS PINTO AND OTHERS PIYAYIS DEVO GRACIUS, STANY PLAUS NIKOLUS
464	58/7	Private	Dry	0.008094	SHIVARAMA SOMAYAJI S/O. VASUDEVA SOMAYAJI
465	58/8	Private	Wet	0.004047	SHIVARAMA SOMAYAJI S/O. VASUDEVA SOMAYAJI AND OTHERS NARASIMHA SOMAYAJI, VASANTHA S/O. CHANDRAVATHI, SULOCHANA D/O SANJEEVA AND OTHERS
466	59/3A	Private	Dry	0.0030352	MARCELINE PINTO W/O STANY PLAUS NIKOLUS PINTO
467	60/1	Private	Dry	0.004047	INDIRA KAMATH YANE ROOPARAO(Moolidaar) D/O. PUNDALIKA KAMATH AND OTHERS (N SOMANATHAKAMATH MOOLAGENIDAR)
468	60/2	Private	Dry	0.0050587	SUBRAHMANYA S. S/O. S GOPALAKRISHNA RAO AND OTHERS
469	60/3	Private	Dry	0.0070823	NARASIMHAKRISHNA BIDE, B K DEVARAO S/O B K RAGHAVARAM (Moolageni land Purchaser)
470	60/4	Private	Dry	0.0030352	NARASIMHAKRISHNA BIDE, (Moolidar) JAGADISH KAMATH AND OTHERS, B.SAROJINI KAMATH (MOOLAGENIDAR), G. RAMA PRABHU, GURUDATTA KAMATH, RUKMABAI (MOOLAGENIDAR)
471	60/5	Private	Dry	0.0020235	POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE EXCHANGE OFFICE AND SUB POST MASTERS QUARTERS
472	60/6	Private	Garden	0.0020235	VINOD KAMATH S/O. VISHWANATH KAMATH AND OTHERS (SY.NO. 60/7)60/7
473	64/10	Private	Dry	0.0222585	RENU RAJESH W/O.RAJESH D MAISTRY
474	64/11	Private	Wet	0.0020235	RENU RAJESH W/O.RAJESH D MAISTRY
475	64/4	Private	Wet	0.0171997	M.SUGANDI BAI W/O. SADASHIVA SHETTY
476	64/8	Private	Wet	0.0182115	RENU RAJESH W/O.RAJESH D MAISTRY
477	64/9	Private	Wet	0.0060705	Mary Gracy PERIERA W/O. SHERI PERIERA
478	67/2	Private	Wet	0.0586815	VICTOR GOVEAS S/O.PETER GOVEAS
479	67/3	Private	Wet	0.0020235	VICTOR GOVEAS S/O.PETER GOVEAS
480	67/4A	Private	Garden	0.076893	VICTOR GOVEAS S/O.PETER GOVEAS
481	68/15B	Private	Dry	0.0050587	SHANTHESHWARA BASTHI ADMINISTRATOR K JAYAVARMARAJA BALLALA S/O.PANDIRAJA BALLAL
482	68/16	Private	Wet	0.0313642	SHANTHESHWARA BASTHI ADMINISTRATOR K JAYAVARMARAJA BALLALA S/O.PANDIRAJA BALLAL
483	68/18	Private	Wet	0.1912207	GANESH BHAT S/O. VITTAL BHAT GURUVAYANAKERE
484	68/19	Private	Wet	0.0779047	GANESH BHAT S/O. VITTAL BHAT GURUVAYANAKERE
485	68/20	Private	Wet	0.0273173	VITTALA HEGDE S/O. DUGGAYYA HEGDE
486	68/21	Private	Dry	0.0212468	DR.SHRIHARI K S/O. KANTHAJE ISHWARA BHAT
487	68/22	Private	Dry	0.0010118	SHANTHESHWARA BASTHI ADMINISTRATOR K JAYAVARMARAJA BALLALA S/O.KINNYAMMA YANE GUNAVATHI AMMA
488	68/4C	Private	Wet	0.0182115	SHANTHESHWARA BASTHI ADMINISTRATOR K JAYAVARMARAJA BALLALA S/O.PANDIRAJA BALLAL (SY. NO. 68/4)68/4
489	68/4D	Private	Wet	0.072846	SHANTHESHWARA BASTHI ADMINISTRATOR K JAYAVARMARAJA BALLALA S/O.PANDIRAJA BALLAL InrestedParty-Rajamma W/o. Shrinivasa Shetty, Inrested Party-Sudhir Padiwal S/o Late Nemiraja Padiwal (Sy.No.68/4)68/4

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Mandya Division, Mandya, Phone: 08232-222363, email:eerwsmdy@gmail.com
No:EE/RDW&SD/MDY/JJM2020-21/2023-24/2742
Dated:07.03.2024

1. Short term Re-Tender Notification NO-06/2023-24 (Two Cover System)5th Call
2.Short term Re-Tender Notification NO-09/2023-24 (One Cover System)3rd Call
3. Short term Re-Tender Notification NO-07/2023-24 (One Cover System)4th Call
(kppp portal)

On behalf of Governor of karnataka, The E.E, R.D.W & S Division, Mandya invited tender for Providing FHTCs Works(Balance Work) in Madduru and Nagamangala Taluk in Mandya District from eligible bidders. Pre-Bid Meeting **Dt:16-03-2024 Time:11:00 AM(Place:O/O EE, RDWSD, Mandya),** Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids:-**18-03-2024 Time:05:00 PM,** Date & Time of Technical & Financial Bid Opening:-**19-03-2024 Time:05:05 PM.** Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening:-**20-03-2024 Time:11:00AM**. Amoun Put to tender Maximum:Rs.69.73 Lakhs. More details can be obtained through Kppp portal of Govt of karnataka **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or from this office during working hours.Phone No:08232-222363.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya

DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMCA/654/2023-24

Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur

(Govt. Autonomous Institution)
Justice Shivaraj V.patil Road, Raichur- 584102 Phone /Fax-08532-238488/89
Web. www. rims-raichur.com Email info@rims-raichur.com

No. RIMS/SUP/TEND/2023-24/ Dated: 07.03.2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Refilling & Supply of Medical Oxygen (O2), Nitrous Oxide (NO2) & Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Gases Cylinders, RIMS Teaching Hospital AND Supply of Medical & Nursing Books to SC / ST Studetnts, Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur under two cover bid system through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka.

Sl. No	Particulars	Tender Number	Approx.cost (In Lakhs
1	REFILLING & SUPPLY OF MEDICAL OXYGEN(O2), NITROUS OXIDE (N2O) & CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2) GASES CYLINDERS	RIMS/TEND/Refilling /14/2023-24 DME/ 2023-24/IND0572	54.00
2	Supply of Medical and Nursing Books to SC / ST Students, RIMS Raichur	RIMS/SUP/TEND/ SCP-TSP/15/2023-24 DME/2023-24/ IND0574	44.12

1) Tender document may be download from E-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka from 11.03.2024 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before 25.03.2024 upto 5.30 PM 3) Technical bid will be opened on 27.03.2024 at 11.30 AM

Further information may be obtained from above office and from https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Director
Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences Raichur

DIP/RCR/585/KSMC&A/Job No.582/2023-24

Government of Karnataka
(Public Works, Department)

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.W.D, SEDAM DIVISION, SEDAM

No. EE/PWD/Dvn/Sed/TS- 1/2023-24/3343 Date : 08-03-2024

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

1) Details of Works :1. Total no of work 03 in Sedam taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under K.K.R.D.B – 10240, 10158 & 10305, 2. Total no of work 01 in Chincholi taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under 5054 Appendix-E – 10238. 2) Head of Account: Under K.K.R.D.B & 5054 Appendix-E For the year 2023-24. 3) Amount Put to Tender : **Lowest Estimate Cost : Rs. 200.00 Lakhs, Highest Estimate Cost Rs. 600.00 Lakhs**, 4) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-1 contractor & Above, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting Date : **15-03-2024, Morning 11:30 Hrs**, 6) Last date & time for Tender Queries & receipt of tenders:**16-03-2024 - 17:30:00 Hrs**, 7) Tender Form Fee & EMD Amount: Tender processing fee & EMD As per e-portal, 8) Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **18-03-2024 - 16:00:00 Hrs,** 9) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **19-03-2024 - 16:30:00 Hrs,** 10) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid : **22-03-2024 - 16:30:00 Hrs** 11) Communication Address: Office of the Executive Engineer P.W.D Division Sedam, 12) Internet Address: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**, 13) If any changes for Cancelation: Any Changes and cancelations are done in www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.W.D Division Sedam

DIPR/Kalaburagi/993/KSMC&A/2023-24

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Govt. of Kanataka Enterprise)
The Office of Executive Engineer, No.4, HLBC Division, CNNL, Turuvekere. Tel. 08139-287353
E-Mail-eeturuvekerediv4@gmail.com

KPPP Item rate Tender Notification No: 04/2023-24
Dated : 02.03.2024 'Two Cover System'

On behalf of the Managing Director CNNL, Banglore, Executive Engineer No.4, HLBC Division Turuvekere has invited Two cover ITEM RATE tender through e-Procurement from Contractors. Karnataka transparency act GO no FD9PCL2004 Dated 06-08-2005 and as per latest amendements, Registered in procurement cell Centre for e-governance Room no 141, 2nd gate M.S. Building, Bangalore-560001 KPWD/CPWD /ID/ any other Govt. organization and enrolled their name in CNNL.

Name of Work:-

1. Improvements to road from Beerasandra palya to Dandinashivara–Banasandra road in Kibbanahalli hobli of Tiptur taluk coming under atchkat of D – 9 of TBC (Indent No : 847) EMD Amount Rs.2,00,000/-,

* Form fees as provided in KPPP-Portal, Period for completion of work (Inclusive of monsoon period) 06 months. for Indent – 847, Eligible contractor catageory – III and above. * Last date to submit tender online Dated: 06-03-2024 to 16-03-2024 (upto 4.00 PM) * Last date for any queries relating to process of bid clarification Dated:11-03-2024 (upto 4.00 PM) * Opening of Technical bid in E-Procurement on Dated:16-03-2024 (after 4.30 PM), * Opening of Financial bid after approval of technical bid. For any further details please contact https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ and in office during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
No.4, HLBC Division,CNNL Turuvekere.

DIPR/TUM/629/KSMCA/2023-24

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
No.8, "Samparka Soudha", Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 010.
Telefax : 080-22024000, e-mail : mdkrdcl@gmail.com, cekrdcl@gmail.com, Website: http://www.krdcl.in

No. KRDCL/IFB/2023-24/26 Dated: 11-03-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (through KPP Portal)

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) invites tender from agencies having experience in respect of following works as per the requirement of Bengaluru city Traffic Police on item rate tender basis in two cover system as detailed below :

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Period of Completion (or) Services
1	"Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Intelligent Traffic Management System (RLVD + ANPR Camera) for Automated Contactless Traffic Enforcement at 25 locations to Bengaluru City Traffic Police under Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project"	9,99,50,000/-	14,99,250/-	Six months for supply, installation, testing, commissioning & training
2	"Providing Asset Management, Monitoring and Annual Maintenance Contract for IT Hardware and Software under B-TRAC / Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project Police for a period of three years from 2024 to 2027 to Bengaluru City Traffic Police"	4,46,55,683/-	6,69,850/-	Three Year

Interested applicants may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and submit the bids and EMD (electronically) through KPP portal only.

The Calendar of events for various activities is as follows: (1) The last date and time for submission of queries is : **20.03.2024 upto 17.30 Hrs.** The applicants may submit their queries through electronic mail: **cekrdcl@gmail.com (2)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **21.03.2024 at 11.30 Hrs.** in the **office of the Joint Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City Police, No. 5, Traffic Management Centre, 2nd Floor, Infantry Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. (3)** The last date and time for submission of bids is **04.04.2024 upto 17.30 Hrs. (4)** Date and time of opening of Technical bids is : **06.04.2024 at 11.00 Hrs.**

*Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through Newspapers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement portal website.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
KRDCL, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/YC/4194/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION ALLAPALLI
Web Site:- www.mahapwd.gov.in E-mail-alapalli.ee@mahapwd.gov.in
Fax & Phone No. 07133-266402

E-Tender Notice No. 86 Year 2023-24

Online E-Tenders Of **Item Rate "B2" Form** For The Following Works Are Invited By The Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli On Behalf Of Public Works Department Of Government Of Maharashtra For International Contractor's Indian Sub Company's/Indian Company/Contractor's. Tender Documents Download In https://www.pmgsytendersmah.gov.in All Rights To Reject Any Or All Tenders For The Following Works Reserved By The Competant Authority Conditional Tender Should Not Be Accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Works	Estimated Rate
1	2	3
1	(MH-10-101)CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE ACROSS INDRAVATI RIVER AT CH 1/130 ON DAMRENCHA - DHAMRANCHATOLA (V.R.-45) IN TAH.- AHERI DISTT. GADCHIROLI (Second Time)	438140752.00
1	Documents Download/Sale Start Date	As Per Online E-Tender Schedule
2	Bid Submission Start Date	As Per Online E-Tender Schedule
3	Documents Download/Sale End Date	As Per Online E-Tender Schedule
4	Tender Opening Date	As Per Online E-Tender Schedule

All information of e-tendering is available on the following websites/Notice Board

1) https://www.pmgsytendersmah.gov.in 2) www.mahapwd.gov.in

(If there is any changes in the notice, then the information will be communicated on the above websites)

2. Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Allapalli Office Notice Board.
3. For any correspondance contact Address
Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Aheri Road, Allapalli Ta. Aheri Dist.

Note -
Outward No.1170/A.B./T.C./Tender Notice/2024 Date.04.03.2024
Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Aheri Road Allapalli
Ta. Aheri Dist. Gadchiroli 442703 (M.S.)

-Sd/-
(Balwant D. Ramteke)
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Allapalli

DGIPR/2023/2024/9554

Sl. No.	Survey/ plot number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Hectares)	Name of Land Owners/Interested Person
490	68/6	Private	Dry	0.028329	SHANTHESHWARA BASTHI ADMINISTRATOR K JAYAVARMARAJA BALLALA S/O.KINNYAMMA YANE GUNAVATHI AMMA
491	69/10	Private	Wet	0.0111293	SMT PADMASHREE D/O. NEMIRAJA INDRA
492	69/14	Private	Wet	0.004047	JAYASHREE W/O. GOPALAKRISHNA BHAT
493	69/2	Private	Wet	0.012141	PARSHWANATHA S/O.RATHNAKAR SHETTY AND OTHERS
494	69/3A1	Private	Wet	0.0101175	PARSHWANATHA S/O.RATHNAKAR SHETTY & OTHERS
495	69/3A2	Private	Wet	0.0131527	JOYCE VIVIYAN NORONHA ALIAS VIVIYAN JOYCE NORONHA W/O PATRICK NORONHA
496	69/6D1	Private	Wet	0.0060705	JAMES DSOUZA, FRANKY DSOUZA S/O.NOKOLUS ALIAS BALTHU DSOUZA, ANTONY DSOUZA R. N VIJAYA KUMAR S/O.NAGABHUSHAN RAO, PRABHA BALIGA INTERESTED PARTY FRANKY DSOUZA AND OTHERS
497	69/6D2	Private	Wet	0.004047	VALARIAN PAIS S/O. BAZIL PAIS
498	76/ 5A1C1	Private	Wet	0.0010118	AYOOB S/O ABBU MUKRI , VENKATRAMANA PAI S/O KESHAVA PAI, BALLAL AUTO AGENCIES MAHAVEERA BUILDING BAINDOOR, MANAGING PARTENER JAYAVARMA BALLAL INTERESTING PARTY: VENKATRAMANA PAI
499	76/ 5A1C2	Private	Wet	0.004047	LEELAVATH W/O.S.BALAKRISHNA SHETTY AND OTHERS
500	76/ 5A1C3A	Private	Wet	0.004047	PADMASHREE W/O.DHARANENDRA KUMAR B.
501	76/5A2	Private	Wet	0.008094	norbert dayas s/o. fedrik dayas
502	76/5B	Private	Dry/ NA K	0.008094	KATHIJAMMA & 15 OTHERS
503	77/6	Private	Wet	0.016188	RASHMI RODRIGUES D/O APOLIN RODRIGUES & OTHERS
504	80/5	Private	Dry	0.0667755	GOKULDAS KAMATH & OTHER 6 MEMBERS
505	80/6	Private	Dry	0.0111293	B.MOHAN RAO S/O.SHANKARANARAYANA RAO
506	81/4A2	Private	Dry	0.060705	GOVT. RESESRVED FOR N.G.O.BUILDING
507	82/2	Private	Dry	0.0060705	ASHOK KAMATH S/O KRISHNARAYA KAMATH AND OTHERS
508	82/3	Private	Garden	0.012141	N KAMALAKSHA BHAT AND n N GOPALAKRISHNA BHATOTHERS
509	82/4A	Private	Garden	0.0171997	RENU RAJESH D/O.RAMANANDA SALIYAN AND RAGNISH R.S. S/O RAMANANDA & OTHERS
510	82/4B	Private	Garden	0.0171997	STANY GOVEAS S/O PETER GOVEAS
511	82/5	Private	Dry/ NA K	0.012141	DR. SUDHIR PRABHU S/O UPENDRA PRABHU AND OTHERS GURUDATTA PRABHU S/O UPENDRA PRABHU
512	82/6B	Private	Dry	0.0151762	D VENKATESHWARA BHAT S/O D VISHNU BHAT AND MAHALINGA BHAT S/O D VISHNU BHAT
513	83/1	Private	Dry	0.0182115	GOVT. SCHOOL
514	83/10	Private	Dry	0.016188	SUBRAHMANYA SAMPIGETHAYA S/O NARAYANA SAMPIGETHAYA (MOOLAGENIDAR), HERAJE RAJESH ANCHAN S/O B N BANGERA (MOOLAGENIDARA)
515	83/11	Private	Dry	0.0141645	YASHAVANTHA BALIGA S/O RAMADASA G BALIGA
516	83/12A	Private	Dry	0.004047	D VEERENDRA HEGGADE S/O D RATHNAVARMA HEGGADE (MOOLIDAR) DHARMAPPA SHETTY (MOLIDAR) , CHITHARANJAN PRABHU(MOOLAGENIDAR), TOWN PANCHAYATH BELTHANGADY
517	83/12B	Private	Dry	0.0101175	D VEERENDRA HEGGADE S/O D RATHNAVARMA HEGGADE, HENRY SEQUERA VINCENT SEQUERA, VIJAY SEQUERA S/O WALTER D SEQUERA S/O A L SEQUERA
518	83/2	Private	Dry/ NA K	0.012141	DISTRICT BOARD PRESIDENT MANGALORE (School)
519	83/3	Private	Garden	0.0141645	SHREEDEVI W/O DHARMARAJA AJRI AND OTHERS
520	83/4	Private	Garden	0.0101175	SHREEDEVI W/O DHARMARAJA AJRI AND OTHERS
521	83/5A	Private	Dry	0.008094	SHREEDEVI W/O DHARMARAJA AJRI AND OTHERS
522	83/5B	Private	Dry	0.0020235	N BHOOSHANA KADAMBA S/O CHANDRARAJA ARIGA
523	83/6	Private	Dry	0.0182115	N BHOOSHANA KADAMBA S/O CHANDRARAJA ARIGA
524	83/7	Private	Dry	0.0222585	D. VEERENDRA HEGGADE S/O RATHNAVARMA HEGGADE (MOOLIDAR) AND OTHERS (MOOLAGENIDAR) INTERESTED PARTY (JAYANTHI U PAIAW/O UMANATH PADI)
525	83/9A	Private	Dry/ NA K	0.0171997	GOVT. (Z.P. HR.PRY. SCHOOL)
526	83/9B1	Private	Dry	0.0060705	GOVT. (Z.P. HR.PRY. SCHOOL)
527	83/9B2	Private	Dry/ NA K	0.0101175	THE PRESIDENT WOMENS CONSUMNERS CO-OP SOCIETY UMA R RAO SECRAERY- AKSHITHA
528	84/3A1	Private	Dry	0.0020235	ALBERT NORONHA
529	84/3B1	Private	Dry	0.0010118	K UDAYAKUMAR MALLA S/O K BRAHMAYYA MALLA AND OTHERS
530	88/ 2A3A	Private	Dry	0.004047	SUMATHI R BALLAL W/O RATHNARAJA BALLAL(MOOLIDAR) SHEKABBA BYARI S/O KUNHALI BYARI, APPI HENGSU, NARASIMHA BHAT
531	88/ 2A3B	Private	Dry	0.012141	M SUDHEER PRABHU S/O UPENDRA PRABHU DAMODAR HOSPITAL
532	88/ 2A3C	Private	Dry	0.008094	SUMATHI R BALLAR W/O RATHNARAJA BALLAL AND OTHERS APPI HENGSU NARASIMHA BHAT S/O SARVOTHAMA BHAT (MOOLAGENIDAR)
533	88/2A4	Private	Dry	0.0171997	MANAGING DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR, BALLAL AGENCY AND TOURISTS PVT. LIMITED, MANGALORE
534	88/2B2	Private	Dry	0.0111293	VINOD JOSEPH NEELIYAR S/O CHERIAN C NEELIYAR
535	88/3	Government	Dry	0.0101175	GOVT.
536	90/3	Private	Dry	0.004047	K SUMITHRA BAI W/O BI NARAYANA AND OTHERS (Sy.No. 90/3A)90/3A
537	90/4	Private	Dry/ NA K	0.0020235	GOVT
538	91/2A	Private	Dry	0.008094	D VEERENDRA HEGGADE S/O D RATHNAVARMA HEGGADE (Sy.No. 91/2)91/2
539	91/2B	Private	Dry	0.012141	D VEERENDRA HEGGADE S/O D RATHNAVARMA HEGGADE (Sy.No. 91/2)91/2
540	91/2C	Private	Dry	0.024282	D VEERENDRA HEGGADE S/O D RATHNAVARMA HEGGADE (Sy.No. 91/2)91/2
541	99	Common (Private / Government)	Dry	0.0586815	GOVT (Sy. No. 99/1A) 99/1A
			Total	**12.8808454**	

[F. No. RW/NH-12037/17/2021-22/KNT/Zone-South-1/3D1]
ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy.

DIPR/ADM/KSMCA/1578/23-24 dt. 11.03.2024

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PANCHAYATHRAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION

Ramanagara Jilla Panchayath,
Office Of The Executive Engineer, Ramanagara.

Short Term Tender Notification No.: 15/EE/PRED/RMG/AE/ 1886-1895/2023-24 Date : 07-03-2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only through E-procurement System)

The Executive Engineer, Panchayathraj Engineering Division, Ramanagara, invites the Itemwise tender. Contractors registered in **KPWD,** enrolled in **PRED / PWD** Licence for the works under Deferent Head of Account **Tender Minimum Amount Rs. 30.00 Lakhs. Tender Maximum Amount Rs. 100.00 Lakhs. Tender Last Date for Submission of Tender Dated : 18-03-2024 by 4.00 p.m. Opening of the Technical Bid Tender Dated : 19-03-2024 at 4.30 p.m. (KW-1, KW-2, KW-3), Opening of the Financial Bid Tender Dated : 21-03-2024 by 4.30 p.m. (KW-3)** on wards. For details & further information visit the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Or Contact this Office in Office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P. R. E. Division, Ramanagara.

DIPR/Ramanagar/578/Manipal/2023-24

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Government of Karnataka

Office of The Deputy Director (Admn.), School Education Department, Chikkamagaluru.

No.: P2/S.E.D./R.B.S.K./43/2022-23 Date: 07.03.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender NoticeShort-Term e-Tender is invited in two covers from interested firms for supply & installation of RBSK Mobile Health Team Kits/Equipments & Laptops for DEIC, Chikka magaluru District for the year 2022-23 and can be submitted online at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in within 1.00 PM on 16.03.2024. For further information contact Ph. No.: 08262-200700 or through e-mail ddpickm2017@gmail.com

Sd/- Deputy Director (Admn.), School Education Department, Chikkamagaluru.

DIPR/ckm/No.202/23-24/ksmca/1496

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 09/2024 Dated: 05-03-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Description in brief: Supply, installation and commissioning of EOT crane 10T capacity with spares, maintenance tools and with shrouded type DSL of 84 meters
(Tender No. L8245254) (Qty: 1 Set)

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 10:30 hrs. of 29.03.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/731/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Bengaluru**

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 08/2024 Dated: 04-03-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Description in brief: Supply, 4 Core x 240 sq mm 1100 V grade, Stranded Aluminium Conductor Galvanised Steel Strip armoured, XLPE cable
(Tender No. L8236468) (Qty: 4200 MTR)

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 10:30 hrs. of 25.03.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/733/AAV/PRB/SWR/2023-24 **Bengaluru**

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works Division Nanded

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. (72) FOR 2023-2024

E-tenders for 02 Works in SBD form are invited by the Executive Engineer P.W.Division Nanded (Phone No.02462-253711) from the registered contractors in appropriate class of Public Works department of Govt.of Maharashtra for the improvement in Dist. Nanded.

1. The tender costs of the above works are more than **Rs.1.00 crores**.
2. All information related to this tender is made available on the following website. Also, all the changes will be made available on this website.

www.mahapwd.com
https://mahatenders.gov.in

-Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division Nanded

DGIPR/2023/2024/9579

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owners Sri. Muniraju & Sri. Suresh both are children of late. Yellappa residing at Kalkunte Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk.

If any persons, banks, financial institutions etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

All peace and parcel of land bearing Sy. No. 165/2 Land measuring to extent of 1 Acre 32 Guntas situated at Mugalur Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk and bounded on: East by:Ballappa's Land & Road, West by: Munishamappa's land in same Sy. No. 165/2, North by: Rajakaluve & Govt. land, South by : Pallakai Munishamy's land.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, & B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates, # 96, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore- 68, Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
Bangalore, Date : 11-03-2024

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.,

PUDUKKOTTAI ROAD, KOTTAPATTU, TRICHIRAPPALLI - 620 023.

Ref.No. 19412/MKTG/2024 – 2026 **RE-TENDER NOTICE** Date: 09.03.2024

Invited two part sealed tender from eligible contractors to engage hired vehicles in Tiruchirappalli Union for the period of 2 (2024-2026) years.

Name of the work	Contract period	Tender value (Rs. Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	Tender No.
Milk distribution vehicles	2 years	854	12,000	19412/MKG/2024-2026
Ice Cream / By Product vehicles	2 years	78	12,000	19412/MKG/2024-2026
T- Board Taxi	2 years	18	12,000	19412/MKG/2024-2026

The tender forms can be downloaded from **tntenders.gov.in** on free of cost from the date of issue of tender notice downloaded from **12.03.2024** onwards. The Pre- Bid meeting will be held on **20.03.2024** at **11.00 AM** in Tiruchirappalli District Cooperative Milk producers Union, Trichy. The EMD must be paid only Through Online **tntenders.gov.in** and duly filled tender forms should be submitted on or before **15.04.2024** by **4.00 PM** through online e procurement portal **tntenders.gov.in** only. The opening of the tender forms will be on **16.04.2024** by **11.00 AM.** The General Manager has power to accept, reject, or cancel the tender partially or fully. All other details are enclosed with the tender form.

DIPR/1516/TENDER/2024

DRO /GENERAL MANAGER, Trichy DCMPU Ltd.

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ಇ-ಮೇಲ್:– rchovijayanagara@gmail.com

No:/NHM/Tender/Manpower/210/2023-24 Date:07/03/2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Department of Health and welfare Soceity, Vijayanagara District hereby invites e-tenders from Eligible and qualified agency for outsourcing of Manpower supply for various health facilities under NHM as per notification No:/NHM/Tender/Manpower/210/2023-24 dated 11/03/2024 for the period of 2024-25 from the office of District Health and welfare office, Vijayanagara. Contract period shall commence from the date of award of contract of this tender to 31st March-2025 with an estimated tender value Rs. 2,32,33,363/- details of the E-tender is as follows.

The tender schedule under e-procurement system is as follows

01.Date of Tender Notification: **11-03-2024 10.00am**
02.Last date for submission of Tender documentes: **18-03-2024 5.30pm.** 03.PRE BID MEETING: **15-03-2024 3.30 pm**
04.Date of opening of Technical Bid: **19-03-2024 4.30pm**
05.Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **22-03-2024 4.30pm**
06.Estimated Tender Amount: **2,32,33,363/-.** 07.EMD Amount: **5,80,834/-**
08.Place of Tender Opening: **DHO Office Vijayanagara**
For Further information can be obtained from District RCH officer, Vijayanagar District in office hours. Mo.No:-9916407773.

Sd/- Member Secretary, District Health and Family Welfare Society, Vijayanagar District.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/481/KSMCA/2023-24

Government of Karnataka

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.

No. EE/PWD/HSN/AE-2/2023-24/ DATED: 11.03.2024.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 26/2023-24, Dated: 11.03.2024

Tender is invited by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-1, KW-3 and KW-4 from the eligible registered Contractors of Karnataka PWD and the contractors belonging to Scheduled castes shall be domicile of the State of Karnataka PWD for more than 10 years through E-procurement for 07 Works in Hassan division. In these tenders 01 tenders reserved for SC Contractors. The minimum tender amount is Rs.18.50 lakhs and maximum tender amount Rs.600.00 lakhs under PWD Hassan Division jurisdiction. Last date of Receipt of tender for works is 21.03.2024 For more details visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Hassan Division, Hassan.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client intends to purchase the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **Mrs.Kandakatla Prashanthi wife of Mr.Siddani Manisekhar.**

Persons/banks/society/firm or any other body having any right, title, interest, claim or charge over the schedule mentioned property or any part thereof is hereby notified to lodge their objections/claims if any, in writing with documentary evidence regarding their manner of right, title, interest, claim or charge, within **10 days** from the date of this publication to the office of undersigned, after which period my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule mentioned property on the basis that there are no objections/claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the schedule mentioned property.

SCHEDULE

Vacant Site bearing **No.20,** measuring 1292 Sq. Ft., Comprised in and forming part of land bearing converted **Sy.No.96,** measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas, converted vide OM bearing No.A.LN(EVH)SR 345/2012-13, dated 1/2/2013, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District situated at **Mullur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru,** and bounded on the :-

East by : Private Property,
West by : Road
North by : Site No.19,
South by : Site No.21.

LEGAL & LEGAL,
ADVOCATES, No. 32, 1st Cross, Subramanya Layout, Ramurthynagar, Vijinapura, Bengaluru 560 016
Mob: 9900111844, 7406234888.

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

CIN No. U40108JH2013SGC001702
Singhbhum Electric Supply Area, Jamshedpur,
1st floor Co-Op. Bank Building Bishtupur, Jamshedpur.
e-mail- sesa.jsr13@yahoo.in Ph. No. 0657-2321495 (o).

e-procurement NIT No.- 562/PR/JBVNL/2023-24.

Online e-Tenders are invited for supply of different types of control cables under Supplementary ADP Head for the financial year 2022-23. The Bid documents can be downloaded from the website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

Serial No.	Name Of Materials	Unit	Quantity
1	2.5 mm2 copper 2 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr	5400
2	2.5 mm2 copper 4 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr	5400
3	2.5 mm2 copper 6 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr	4900
4	2.5 mm2 copper10 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr	4850
5	2.5 mm2 copper 12 core control cable (Armoured)	Mtr	4350

Note:- No. of Items may increase or Decrease
All items Conforming relevant IS specification(s)

Date of Publish of Tender Notice NIT	09.03.2024
Date of publish of Tender Document	09.03.2024
Last date of online Submission of Tender	12.04.2024 Upto 05:00 p.m.
Date & Time of Opening of Technical Part of Bid	15.04.2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Opening of Financial Part (Second Envelope) of the Bid	Further communicated
Location of Submission/ Opening of Bids, as applicable	Electric Supply Area, Jamshedpur
Estimated Cost	Rs. 3627315.00 /- (Incl. GST) Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen.
EMD COST	Rs. 72546.00/-
BOQ COST	Rs. 5900.00/-(Incl. GST)
Offer Validity (Days)	180 days from last date of Bid Opening.

Note:- No. of Items may increase or Decrease
All items Conforming relevant IS specification(s)

1. E-Tender document and BOQ including terms & condition, specification etc. can be downloaded and submitted online on website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in.any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours. NIC Help line no - 06034-222109 for any clarification regarding NIT Contact –0657-2321495
2. The tenders documents , BOQ and EMD fees will be received through electronic tendering mode only.

स्वहित एवं राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को टॉल फ्री नं० 1800 345 6570 पर दर्जकरायें।

PR 322154 (Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd) 23-24 (D)

Sd/-
General Manager (Tech)
ESA, Jamshedpur

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Jharkhand Undertaking)
JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-834001
E-MailId - pdt.juidco@gmail.com, juidcolimited@gmail.com
CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

NIT No.: **JUIDCO/Illumination work/Seraikela/3559/ 604**
Date: 11.03.2024
Notice Inviting Tender
National Competitive Bidding

1.	Name of the Work	Integrated work involving Installation of 15 Solar High Mast Lights and 200 Street Lights in Various Wards in Seraikela Nagar Panchayat, Jharkhand.
2.	Mode of bid submission	e-tendering (http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
3.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 1,46,17,605/-
4.	Tender Fee & Bid Security	Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only **(Non-Refundable)** Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs. 2,93,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety-Three Thousand) only
5.	Time of Completion	06 Months
6.	Date & Time of publication of Tender on website	12.03.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.
7.	Date & Time of start of Submission of Bids	12.03.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.
8.	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids	03.04.2024 at 17:00 Hrs.
9.	Date & Time of bid opening	04.04.2024 at 17:30 Hrs.
10.	Bid submission address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Ltd, JUIDCO Bhawan, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi, Jharkhand- 834001
11.	Helpline no.	0651- 2225878/ +91-9097114840

Note: Only e-tenders will be accepted.
Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procurement website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Project Director (Technical)
JUIDCO Ltd.

PR.NO.322146 Urban Development and Housin(23-24):D

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA (PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT.)

No. PWD/BGM/TND/TA/AE/2023-24/7114 Date:06-03-2024

-: ITEM RATETENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP) :-

The Executive Engineer, PWD Belagavi Division Belagavi invites item ratetenders from the eligible contractors registered in E-procurement portal in Public Works Department under KW-1, 2 3,&4 Standard tender documents for a work under 5054-SH Improvements, 5054-SH Renewal, 3054-SH Maintenance, 5054-MDR Improvements, 4059-PWD Buildings, 2059 Dept. Buildings Repairs & Maintenance and 8443 Deposit Contribution total 42 number of works with minimum and maximum tender amounts of Rs.19.91 Lakhs and Rs.583.10 Lakhs respectively and minimum and maximum EMD amount of Rs.25,000/- and Rs.7,41,300/- Part-1 Last date of receipt of Tenders is on 14-03-2024 up to 4.30 PM, Technical Bid Opening Date is on 15-03-2024 after 4.45 PM, Part-2: Last date of receipt of Tenders is on 15-03-2024 up to 4.30 PM, Financial Bid Opening Date is on 16-03-2024 after 4.45 PM, Part-3 Last date of receipt of Tenders is on 20-03-2024 up to 4.30 PM, Technical Bid Opening Date is on 21-03-2024 after 4.45 PM.

For more information contact the office of the undersigned and www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in after 07-03-2024.

(Note: (1) For all the above Civil Works, Royalty shall be deducted as per KMMCR 1994 Amendment rule 2016, Also KMMCR 2016 Amended Rule 36(3), 42(1), 44(3), 44(4)) and (2) If no bids received, 3 days One Time auto extension activated).

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, Belagavi Dn. Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1368/KSMCA/2023-24

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/WMC/TKR/4845-47 Date: 07.03.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka public procurement portal only)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following works in Transmission (W&M) Circle. KPTCL, Tumakuru.

1) Bid enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-37 dt:06.03.2024 for Design,Manufacture,Testing and supply of 110/66 kV and 11kV class of varuious ratings capacitor Cells with internal fuses terminal connectors required to various s/s Coming under Tr(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Tumakuru.

2) Bid enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-38 dt:06.03.2024 for Providing additional switchgear at 66/11KV **Dasudi,** on PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS,**(Reserved for ST)**

3) Bid enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-39 dt:06.03.2024 for Providing additional switchgear at 110/11KV S/s **K.G.Temple** on PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS **(Others)**.

4) Bid enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-40 dt:06.03.2024 for Providing additional switchgear at 66/11KV S/s **Thimmanahalli** on PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS **(Reserved for SC)**

5) Bid enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-41 dt:06.03.2024 for Providing additional switchgear at 66/11KV S/s **Hosakere** on PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS **(Others)**

6) Bid enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-42 dt:06.03.2024 for Providing additional switchgear at 66/11KV S/s **Thimmasandra**, on PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS. **(Others)**

7) Bid enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-43 dt:06.03.2024 for Providing additional switchgear at 110/11KV S/s **Ungra** on PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS**(Reserved for SC)**

8) Bid enquiry No:SEE/Tr(W&M)/Tkr/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/Enq-44 dt:06.03.2024 for Providing additional switchgear at 110/11KV S/s **Kallur** on PARTIAL TURNKEY BASIS**(Others)**

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the kpp portal can be obtained by logging into KPTCL **website: https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **12.03.2024**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Elec), Transmission (W&M) Circle, Siddaganga Complex, B.H.Road, KPTCL, Tumakuru-2.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division, BBMP Office, Near Chowdeshwari Bus Stop, Mathikere, Bengaluru-54.

No.EE/RRND/Tend/14/2023-24 Date: 07.03.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (KPP portal) (Two Cover System) KW-3

Through GoK KPP portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only

The Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivlanet registration with CPWD/ KPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organisations for the construction of work detailed in the table below

Sl. No.	Name of the Work / Category
1)	**Package No.02-RRNZ RRND (a) Construction & Improvements to the CC Roads, RCC Drains & Parks (b) Reconstruction of Public Toilet & other allied works in Ward No. 36 Jalahalli in RR Nagar Division for the Year 2023-24-Call2.** Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs): **74.15.** EMD (in Rs.) : **1,48,000/- (Others).**
2)	**Improvements of Roads and Drains and Repairs of culverts in ward No.160 Rajarajeshwari Nagara in RR Nagar Divison.** Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs): **82.64.** EMD (in Rs.) : **1,28,000/- (Others).**
3)	**Improvements of Roads, Drains and Desilting of Drains in ward no 160 Rajarajeshwari Nagara in RR Nagar Divison.** Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs): **82.64.** EMD (in Rs.) : **1,28,000/-. (Others).**

Calendar of events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the (kppp karnataka.gov.in) of the Government of Karnataka from **12.03.2024 Onwards 2)** Pre-Bid Meeting for Two Cover System Tenders will be held at **3.30 p.m. on 15.03.2024 in Office of the Chief Engineer (RRN Zone),** 18th Cross, Ideal Homes, RR Nagar, Bangalore-98. **3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4.00 p.m. on 20.03.2024. 4)** Date of opening of tender is **21.03.2024 at 4.30 p.m.**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer,
Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division, BBMP.

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Centre for Semiconductor chips & Systems for Strategic Electronics.
12th March 2024
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Technopark Campus, Thiruvananthapuram

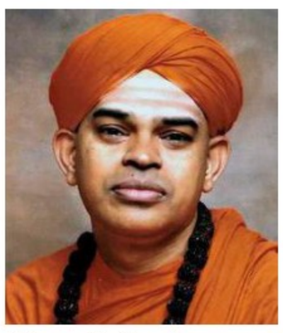
High Court refuses to quash rape charge against seer of Murugha Mutt

The court, however, quashed other charges against him framed under laws related to misuse of religious institutions, prevention of atrocities against SCs/STs, and juvenile justice

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Monday refused to quash the rape charge against Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, seer of Murugharajendra Bruhan Mutt, Chitradurga, in the case of alleged sexual assault on minor girls studying in the educational institutions run by the mutt.

The order of the Chitradurga special court for POCSO cases in framing charges under Section 376 (2((n) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for allegedly repeatedly raping the minor girls, and under Sections 4 and 7 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 for committing alleged sexual assault of varying degree, is sustainable, and the accused-seer will have to face trial for these offences, the High Court said.



Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, seer of Murugharajendra Bruhan Mutt, Chitradurga.

However, the Court declared as not sustainable the charges framed against the seer under the provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and under Section 376DA of the Indian Penal Code, for allegedly committing gang rape of minor girls.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while partly allowing the petitions filed by the seer questioning the legality of the order passed by the special court in April 2023 framing charges against him under the provisions of various laws.

On special court

Observing that the special court cannot act as a "post office of the prosecution", the High Court said that the trial had loosely laid charges against the seer under provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and under Section 376DA of the IPC.

Since the special court had framed charges in a composite manner involving the offences under all these laws, Justice Nagaprasanna directed the special court to proceed further after redrawing the charges by taking note of High Court's observations of declaring certain charges framed as illegal and to proceed with the charges that were upheld.

The seer was arrested in September 2022 based on a First Information Report (FIR) registered following a complaint by a member of the child welfare committee in Mysuru. The FIR was later transferred to Chitradurga Rural police. The seer was granted bail by the High Court in November 2023 on the condition that he should not enter Chitradurga till conclusion of the trial. However, the High Court had directed him to participate in court proceedings, including trial through videoconferencing mode.

Venting ire: A video grab showing vehicles that were set on fire by farmers at Byadgi APMC yard in Haveri district on Monday.

Upset over fall in prices, farmers resort to violence in Byadgi

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Reportedly upset over sudden fall in the prices of chilli varieties in the wake of huge arrivals, a mob comprising mainly of farmers resorted to violence at the APMC yard in Byadgi of Haveri district on Monday evening, ransacking and burning down the APMC office and torching few vehicles, including a fire engine that was deployed to extinguish the blaze.

According to the local traders, the trouble started after the e-tender process was completed and the prices of various chilli lots were announced. Even as some farmers were busy getting their chill lots weighed, a section of the farmers marched to the APMC office alleging that prices had been brought down deliberately.

While Byadgi APMC had registered arrival of over 4 lakh bags of chilli last week, Monday too witnessed huge arrivals. On Monday 3,13,156 bags of chilli arrived at Byadgi APMC. While traders maintained that they had made bids as per the quality of the chilli, the protesting farmers alleged that it had been deliberately brought down.

The protesting farmers, all of a sudden resorted to stone pelting on the APMC office, ransacked the furniture and computers and then torched a vehicle parked outside the office. Few other vehicles on the premises too bore the brunt of their anger. Subsequently the angry mob torched the office also destroying documents and other assets.

Damaged: The APMC office at Byadgi was ransacked and set on fire along with some vehicles on the premises on Monday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The police who were present in negligible number were helpless in controlling the mob. Although a fire engine was deployed to extinguish the fire, the irate mob did not allow the personnel to do their duty. The police personnel and fire brigade personnel who rushed to the spot were also chased away and the fire engine too was torched. Some of the police personnel too have sustained injuries.

For some time, the premises remained unreachable even for the police as the mob had closed the entry points. It was only after a while that additional police force managed to bring the situation under control.

According to Superintendent of Police of Haveri Anshukumar Srivastav, during the protest, which turned violent, some of the police personnel sustained injuries. The situation had been brought under control and the police detained some persons. After the police took control, the market activities started again late in the evening.

Meanwhile, the president of the APMC Merchants' Association Sureshgouda Patil termed it a black day in the history of Byadgi market. He said that the bids were made based on the quality of the yield. If they felt that the prices had been brought down, they should have held discussion. However it was regrettable that they had resorted to violent protests, he said.

BJP charge

The Opposition BJP alleged that the incident of angry farmers attacking the APMC office and setting the vehicles on fire in Haveri was a direct consequence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led Congress government's anti-farmer policies and lackadaisical attitude in managing the drought situation.

The Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok said, "At least now the Chief Minister should wake up from his deep slumber and provide 'guarantee of drought relief' to Anandatas. Else the day is not far when desperate farmers will set ablaze the CM's residence and Vidhan Soudha."

Board exams for classes 5, 8 and 9 get under way with Kannada paper

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Summative Assessment-2 (board exam) for students of classes 5, 8, and 9 began across the State on Monday. Around 28 lakh students from 69,137 government, aided and unaided schools of State curriculum wrote the exams.

On the first day, the Kannada examination was held and students of classes 5 and 8 said it was easy. But class 9 students said that some questions were tricky.

A teacher from a Government High School, Bengaluru, said, "The Kannada language paper for class 9 was a bit tough. Some tricky questions created confusion among the students."

The Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court allowed the government to conduct board exams for classes 5, 8, and 9 as per schedule on March 7, 2024. The Karnataka School Quality Assessment and Accreditation Council (KSQAAC) is conducting the examination.

This year too, the government is providing the answer sheets to all students at free of cost. The English language exam will be held on Tuesday.

Class 8 and 9 students writing the exam at the Government Model High School at Matadahalli in Bengaluru on Monday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

INBRIEF

Youth Congress members stage protest in Bengaluru

Youth Congress members on Monday staged a demonstration in front of State Bank of India office at Mysore Bank Circle here in connection with the electoral bonds issue.

Lack of transparency

"There is no transparency in distribution of electoral bonds. Anonymous persons are donating money. There are no accounts in this," Youth Congress president H.S. Manjunath Gowda said.

The protesters were later taken into custody by the police.

Selected for Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize

The Sahitya Akademi Translation Prize 2023 in 24 languages were announced on Monday.

K.K. Gangadharan has won the award for his *Malayalam Kathegalu*, selected Malayalam short stories translated into Kannada.

The prize that comes with a purse of ₹50,000 and a copper plaque will be presented to him at a function to be held later this year, according to an official press release.

The prize relates to translations first published between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2021.

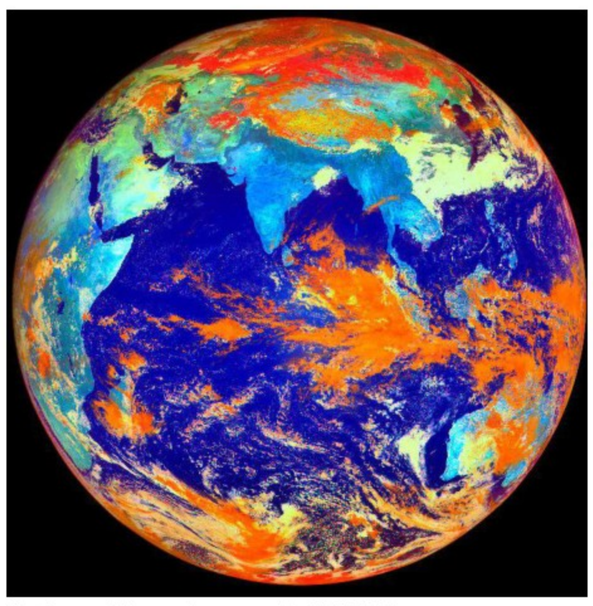
INSAT-3DS begins earth imaging operations

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

ISRO's meteorological satellite, INSAT-3DS, has initiated earth imaging operations with the meteorological payloads (6-channel Imager and 19-channel Sounder) capturing the first set of images on March 7.

The INSAT-3DS satellite was launched on February 17. After completing orbit-raising operations, it reached the designated geostationary slot for the In-Orbit Testing (IOT) on February 28.

IOT of the satellite communications was conducted between February 29 and March 3. "As part of meteorological payload IOT, the first session of imaging for Imager and Sounder payloads was carried out on March 7. The payload parameters are found to be nominal, complying with payload specifications. Thus, all the payloads of INSAT-3DS have been tested to perform nominally," ISRO said.



The image of the earth captured by INSAT-3DS. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Imager and Sounder payloads onboard INSAT-3DS are similar to the payloads flown on INSAT-3D and INSAT-3DR satellites.

ISRO said that significant improvements have been achieved in radiometric accuracy, black body calibration, thermal management, and imaging throughput, among others.

The payloads were designed and developed at the Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad, and the first images were processed and released at the Master Control Facility, Hassan.

Multiple channels

The 6-channel imager equipment captures images of the earth's surface and atmosphere across multiple spectral channels or wavelengths.

The use of multiple channels allows for gathering information about various atmospheric and surface phenomena, such as clouds, aerosols, land surface temperature, vegetation health, and water vapour distribution.

The imager could be configured to capture specific features of interest. The 19-channel Sounder captures radiation emitted by the earth's atmosphere through channels carefully chosen to capture radiation emitted by different atmospheric constituents and properties like water vapour, ozone, carbon dioxide, and other gases, while others may be designed to measure temperature variations in different layers of the atmosphere.

These payloads generate over 40 geophysical data products for the user community, such as sea surface temperature, rainfall (precipitation) products, land surface temperature, fog intensity, outgoing long-wave radiation, atmospheric motion vectors, high-resolution winds, upper tropospheric humidity, cloud properties, smoke, fire, mean surface pressure, temperature profiles, water vapour profiles, surface skin temperature, total ozone, etc.

Vertical structure

ISRP said that the data collected derives information about the vertical structure of the atmosphere, which is crucial for weather forecasting, climate monitoring, and understanding atmospheric processes.

Discussion on Manjunath's candidature

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In indications that noted cardiologist C.N. Manjunath could be the NDA candidate from Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency contesting against Congress nominee D.K. Suresh, a meeting of Janata Dal (Secular) on Monday backed his nomination.

"The BJP leaders at both Centre and State are favouring the candidature of Dr. Manjunath. Even our party leaders and workers have favoured him. I will leave the decision to you to decide on who the candidate should be," former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy told party leaders.

"I have said that C.P. Yogeshwar should be the candidate. However, Mr. Yogeshwar has favoured Dr. Manjunath. We also have to respect the feelings of the alliance partner," he said.

Digitisation of industrial training gives XR (extended reality) start-ups a shot in the arm

XR start-ups are seeing increased demand from enterprises in manufacturing, construction equipment, power, oil and gas, and automotive among others, for solutions that aid industrial training

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

Skillveri AURA Z+ welding simulator.

XR for training and simulations alone is expected to be $300 billion market globally by 2050, say experts.

A leading Indian company in the construction materials sector was facing a particular problem post-COVID. A good portion of the elderly members of its blue-collar workforce stopped coming to work owing to health fears. This meant a lot of newcomers suddenly in the workforce leading to a gap between the required and existing competencies.

"We did a lot of benchmarking and understood there is a need to increase the level of competency of workers," said a general manager at the company who wished to remain anonymous.

The search for a technology that would allow them to achieve the desired results in a quick span of time led them to deploy VR applications for industrial training by Bengaluru-based start-up AutoVRse.

The company began by deploying 30 modules in 2021 and is now rolling out 14 more. So far it has trained around 50,000 of its staff using VR. According to the GM, after the deployment of the application, its LTIFR figures (Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate tells the number of incidents in which a worker could not resume duty within 48 hours) have come down by more than 53%.

Sabarinath C. Nair

Extended Reality or XR start-ups are seeing increased demand from enterprises in manufacturing, construction equipment, power, oil and gas, and automotive, among others, for solutions that aid industrial training, thanks to the improved safety and actionable insights they offer.

Industry 4.0

Extended Reality, or XR, is an umbrella term that comprises Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, and Mixed Reality. According to the report 'The Potential Global Economic Impact of the Metaverse, ' XR is expected to contribute $240 billion to India's economy by 2030.

XR for training and simulations alone is expected to be $300 billion market globally by 2050, say experts. "VR training was always reserved for defence or aerospace where they would be trained in multi-million-dollar simulators before they are asked to finally land a fighter jet on a tiny aircraft carrier or other similar tasks in real. Now there's the option to bring that training to people who are working in any dangerous situation be it in factories, refineries and so on," says Ashwin Jaishanker, cofounder of AutoVRse.

According to him, one of the main reasons for the VR push among industries is what is referred to as the fourth industrial revolution, or simply the digitisation of industries.

"With Industry 4.0, companies in sectors like manufacturing have been trying to push and adopt technology at scale. VR helps them simulate a world that can replicate their actual working situation. Once you put on the headset, you're getting something that no other software platform can offer," he notes.

Yet another reason for the sectors being the first adopters of VR has is also their familiarity with 3D, he says.

"These are industries that have been using 3D, like CAD (computer-aided design - a 2D and 3D design software) for a long time," he points outs.

InfiVR simulations for fire training.

The hardware effect

Atish Patel, co-founder of Bengaluru-based XR company InfiVR, notes that in the last two years, the company has seen a significant rise in demand from enterprises for its applications in training simulations, familiarization, collaborative working, and onboarding solutions.

The sector also saw the launch of new hardware devices such as Meta Quest 3 and Apple Vision Pro in the last few months. According to Patel, the hype around the devices has contributed to the buzz.

"Based on our experience, the traction of these devices has increased fourfold since their launch. A few more launches and events around those created a lot of buzz, which gave a lot of push to the whole industry. We are seeing many companies, including Fortune 500 companies, allocating significant budgets for these kinds of activities," says Patel.

Sabarinath C. Nair, cofounder of XR star-up Skillveri, seconds this. The device's improved quality and reduced costs have helped, he says. "The cost of devices has come down to 1/7th to 1/10th of the earlier prices, and you can do better things with it. The interactions are more natural. People don't feel like they have to learn something new, and the software doesn't give you a headache," he says.

Improved efficiency

Investing in an XR application may seem costlier in the beginning, but start-ups in the field swear that cost-benefit is higher in the long run, and their clients see a reduction in the cost of their processes over a couple of years cost-benefit compared to conventional ways.

"Yet another thing is that in these environments, there is heavy attrition since these are high-stress environments. So, when someone new comes in, you need to train them again. In many places the existing system is to do a workshop with the help of an agency."

Aswin Jaishanker

Atish Patel

"But in many instances, the trainer comes in, ticks the boxes and leaves. There's no confidence that the person has actually learned what they need to learn."

"With VR, the advantage is that in an interactive space, you can truly guide them through it. They can learn at their own pace, and the application is designed intelligently," says Jaishanker.

Patel too notes that the applications introduce efficiency.

"Performances after VR Training have proved to be better than after conventional methods... Also, as per a few case studies implemented by us we have been able to save millions of dollars and precious lives for our clients using XR Trainings," he says.

Challenges persist

While VR solutions are increasingly seeing adoption from big enterprises, it is not without its share of the challenges.

"Technology is changing things so fast. But when you work with enterprises, some of them are slower to adopt as they are risk-averse," says Jaishanker, who adds that the team also works with clients to avoid over-engineering.

Yet another challenge is the degree of understanding of VR applications among enterprises. The start-up founders say the client's lack of understanding of VR and inability to visualize in 3D could all add to the problem.

"It is easier to sell abroad," notes Nair.

"Here, you have to first convince someone that training is required. Then you have to convince them VR for training is required and, lastly, why VR for training is better. In the West the first two steps are already taken care of. You only have to convince them your product is more relevant than others," notes Nair.

His client list currently consists of almost equal numbers of enterprises from India and the U.S. However, he expects the latter to increase to 70-80% in the coming years.

'India's health insurance market to surpass that of the U.S. by 2047': BCIC

The delegates at the Bangalore Chamber of Industries and Commerce Insurance Summit. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The fact that the insurance sector in India is poised to experience exponential growth over the next two decades with a combination of both opportunities and challenges was the underlying opinion of eminent industry speakers at the Bangalore Chamber of Industries and Commerce (BCIC) Insurance Summit 2024 held recently.

Delivering the keynote address, Geetanjali Kirloskar, Chairperson and Managing Director, Kirloskar Systems Pvt Ltd, and Chairperson, Toyota Tsusho Insurance Broker India Ltd., said, "Projections suggest that affluent households with annual incomes of over thirty lakhs that can afford a good comprehensive health insurance policy will go from 2.6% today covering 37 million individuals to 11% in 2031 covering one 160 million individuals and 26.3% in 2047 covering 437 million people based on purchasing power."

According to the release, she also spoke about how India's health insurance market is expected to approach that of the U.S. by 2031 and perhaps surpass it by 2047, " If India is to grow at the pace required over the next 3 decades, its manufacturing sector will need to expand over 14 times."

Karnataka to collaborate with ClimateRISE Alliance to make State climate resilient

'Our collaboration with ClimateRISE Alliance, and their wealth of knowledge, research, analysis, and on-ground experience, will lead to transformative initiatives,' Rajeev Gowda

Press Trust of India
BENGALURU

Karnataka is set to collaborate with the ClimateRISE Alliance, a consortium of civil society organisations and think-tanks, to build sustainable and climate-resilient cities, Vice-Chairman of Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission M.V. Rajeev Gowda announced on Monday.

The agenda advocates integrated urban water management in Karnataka to address water scarcity. FILE PHOTO

Water management

According to him, the collaboration focuses on six pivotal themes. The agenda advocates integrated urban water management in Karnataka to address water scarcity, protecting water bodies and enhancing water quality across the state through a series of measures.

"Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission (KSPPC) is committed to making Karnataka's cities climate resilient. Our collaboration with ClimateRISE Alliance, and their wealth of knowledge, research, analysis, and on-ground experience, will lead to transformative initiatives that safeguard our urban environments and enhance the well-being of our communities," Gowda said.

River basin approach

The series of measures includes addressing knowledge, cost, and skill gaps hindering rainwater harvesting and promoting the practice, as well as developing aquifer- and sub-aquifer-based understanding and plans for groundwater management.

The other measures are-- adopting a river basin approach for water management, utilising historical maps, satellite imagery and archival data to create comprehensive maps showing newer and traditional water sources, encouraging citizen participation through initiatives like 'Lake Mitras', and developing comprehensive plans for wastewater collection and treatment with a reuse perspective.

It also emphasized gender equity and inclusion to ensure all initiatives prioritise the needs and perspectives of women, marginalised groups and people of different abilities.

Quality pedestrian infrastructure

In a statement, it said the agenda also includes promoting quality pedestrian infrastructure and safe public spaces accessible within short distances, adopting strategies for bringing jobs and businesses closer to mass transit, suitable provisions for mixed-land use, and robust first–and last-mile connectivity through public transport for the creation of self-sufficient neighbourhoods (the "15-minute cities" concept).

Implementing passive cooling solutions and cool roofs to combat urban heat, particularly in northern Karnataka, informed by the Karnataka State Heat Wave Action Plan 2022 as well as conserving and restoring blue and green assets like water features and green spaces for flood resilience.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 12, 1974

Coronary Care Unit for Martha's Hospital

Bangalore, March 10: The Coronary Care unit of St. Martha's Hospital for treatment of serious heart ailments, will be commissioned in about six months' time. The hospital authorities headed by Mother John Superior told pressmen to-day that the Rs. five lakh building for the unit was nearing completion. The State Government had given a grant of Rs. one lakh and the centre Rs. 1.60 lakh for this unit. The hospital auxiliary consisting of honorary workers had collected in the past two years over Rs. three lakhs. Mr. E. Jayachandra Raj, vice president of the Auxillary and Mr. C.J. D'souza, Administrator of the hospital, said the equipment for the unit would cost Rs. 5 lakhs.

Housing Board Members Strength to be Raised

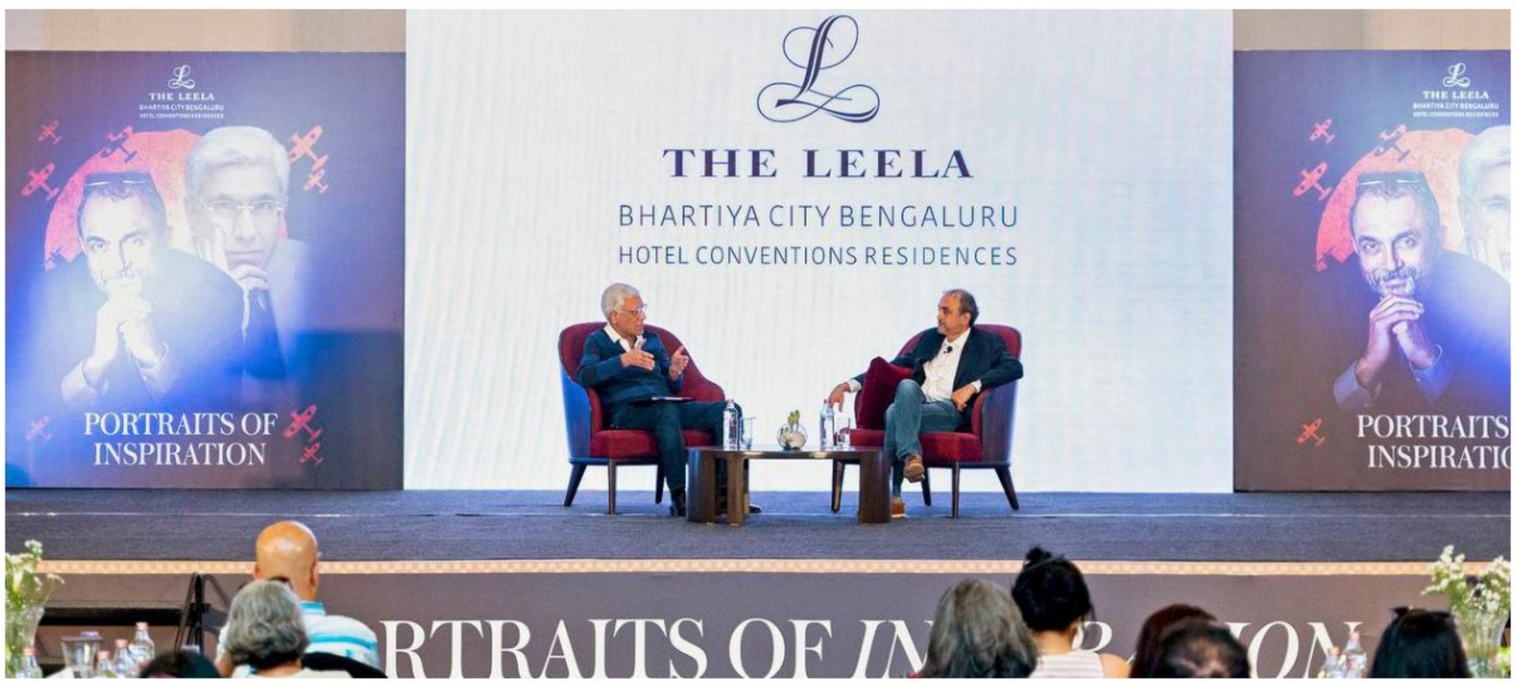
Bangalore, March 10: The number of members of the Karnataka Housing Board is sought to be raised from 12 to 15 under the Karnataka Housing Board (Amendment) Bill 1974 introduced in the State Assembly a few days ago. The Chairman and other members withhold office during the pleasure of the Government instead of for three years. The Housing Commissioner, a Chief Engineer and a Secretary will be appointed by the State Government instead of by the Board and the Housing Commissioner will be invested with the powers of a major head of department.

The Bill also invests revisional powers with the State Government in respect of certain matters.

When Madras was reduced to a ghost town

The Bengaluru launch of the former editor of The Hindu, Mukund Padmanabhan's debut book, was filled with interesting observations, quirky anecdotes and interesting titbits of history

Preeti Zachariah



Page turner Journalist Karan Thapar during the launch of the book, *The Great Flap of 1942: How the Raj Panicked over a Japanese Non-invasion* by former editor of *The Hindu* Mukund Padmanabhan (right). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

On April 14, 1942, the Malabar Special Police turned up at the Madras Zoo with a rather grim mission: to put to death all the so-called dangerous animals in it. This tragic incident finds its way into Mukund Padmanabhan's debut book, *The Great Flap of 1942: How the Raj Panicked over a Japanese Non-Invasion,* which was released at The Leela Bhartiya City in Bengaluru recently.

Despite Corporation Commissioner O Pulla Reddi's efforts to relocate these animals, no other zoos would take them, and ultimately, "the lions, panthers, bears and venomous snakes were located and shot," recounts veteran journalist Karan Thapar, who was in conversation with Padmanabhan at the event.

The reasoning behind this mass execution? To prevent the possibility of these "dangerous" animals breaking free of their enclosures and preying on the residents of Chennai, then called Madras, if Japanese bombs were dropped on the city.

"It seems like a bizarre story now, but animals did escape the enclosures in European cities when there was a bombing," says Padmanabhan, pointing out that animals were unfortunately deeply impacted during World War II. He even brings up the British Pet Massacre of 1939, where close to 7,50,000 dogs and cats were euthanised by their owners, who were brainwashed by the government into thinking that it was the kindest thing that they could do for their pets if the country was attacked.

As it later turned out, however, Reddi's fears that this decision was "too hasty and premature" were more than justified. The Japanese never invaded, and there was possibly no real threat that they would do so, though clearly, the British Raj, who was administering India at that time, thought differently.

"The animals, poor darlings, paid the highest price of it all. They paid with their lives," remarks Thapar of this incident, which, in many ways, was "a compelling illustration of the prevailing panic on the eve of a Japanese assault that never occurred," writes Padmanabhan in the book, whose title draws from the expression that the British, chiefly bureaucrats, used informally to refer to that period of history. "I am trying to make the point that a non-event could be a historical event," says Padmanabhan, who believes that the Flap has not yet got the attention it deserves.

Quirky stories

The Great Flap of 1942 is crammed with quirky, little-known occurrences like this one, many of which were brought up by Thapar during the conversation. Take, for instance, the story of Sidney Wadsworth, a senior judge of the Madras High Court, setting off for Anantapur accompanied by his wife, driver, butler, cook and three dogs in two cars strapped with mattresses and loaded, "with a mix of necessities and valuables such as crockery, utensils, clothes, law books and silver lamps."

Or the ICS officer Paul M Jayarajan, who "took precautions in a particularly unique way," observes Karan. According to his personal papers that Padmanabhan stumbled across in the British Library, he apparently drank copious quantities of wine in the posh Madras Club, later pouring the surplus alcohol down the drain rather than allow the Japanese to enjoy it.

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> **MUKUND PADMANABHAN**
> Author, *The Great Flap of 1942*

And then, there was the outlandish experiment conducted by John Bicknell Auden, the older brother of the poet WH Auden, an official with the Geological Survey of India. "He thought that the grand buildings of South Block in Delhi Could be protected by profuse clouds of smoke that would obscure it," says Thapar.

Auden, with SS Bhatnagar, a former chemistry professor and director of the Board of Scientific and Industrial Research, enlisted the help of Geoffery Lamarque, an ICS officer, to set up braziers filled with a black, tarry substance (produced by Auden) all around South Block. While the hope was that the profuse clouds of smoke that emanated from them when it was lit would protect important buildings from the Japanese, the experiment turned out to be a colossal failure.

Madras musings

While misinformation-driven panic fanned across the country between December 1941 and mid-1942, Madras was clearly hit more badly than the others during this period. "It seems that the city which was worst affected by fear of an invasion that never happened was Madras, as it was called at that time," says Thapar.

He brings up some startling facts from the book; while there is no official estimate of the number of people who fled the city at this time, ICS officer Paul Jayarajan has indicated that 7,00,000 of the city's 8,00,000 residents had taken flight – around 87.5 %. "Madras must have been reduced to a ghost town, " he speculates.

Padmanabhan goes on to explain why Madras was so badly hit.

"The fate of Madras was always perceived as being linked to Singapore," he says. So, "when Singapore (in early 1942) fell, Madras was in a state of panic." Additionally, it was believed that the Japanese fleet was going to arrive South of Madras, so Governor Hope issued an official order telling people whose presence was not absolutely essential to leave. "That sets Madras apart, "he says.

Padmanabhan also talks about his mother's recollections of living through this period and how these childhood stories piqued his interest in The Great Flap of 1942.

While, at first, despite the panic, her father had decided to stay put, they only moved when the milkman stopped coming, Padmanabhan said, adding that everyone who lived in Madras back then had a story about The Great Flap. "I wish I had written this book 20 years ago," he says. "There would have been many more people alive who had memories of the Flap."

CITYBEATS

Theatre for children

REGISTRATIONS OPEN
Ranga Shankara will have its Summer Express Workshop 2024, Batch 1 (April 8 to 21) and Batch 2 (April 22 to May5). It will be an intensive workshop that will culminate in a 'showcase' performance. The workshop will be held everyday from 10am to 4pm.
Registrations open at Ranga Shankara and BookMyShow.

Just laughs

MARCH 15
There will be a stand-up comedy act by Gouri Dange. She is an author of nine books - three fiction, six non-fiction and one children's book. She also has long-running columns in national publications and writes on food, Indian music, parenting, people-watching and social satire.
At Atta Galatta, 7.30pm. Tickets on BookMyShow

Pizzas 'n' pastas

ONGOING
Smoke House Pizzeria opens its outlet in Bengaluru. The menu will feature a diverse range neo-neapolitan, panuzzos, naked pizzas and more. Besides all this, there is also a wide range of pastas, grills, small plates and desserts to choose from.
At Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield. Call 8657560513 for reservations.

Lyrical and rhythmic quips

Anurag Tagat

In the early days of Bengaluru neo hip-hop band Till Apes, they began writing 'Yuh' but it is only five years later that the song has been released. Saxophonist Gautam David from the six-piece band says they have been going back to tinker with the song to the point that it felt like a tradition.

He adds, "Playing this song for so long actually allowed us to make several small changes when we finally recorded it, making the most of the pocket that was created with rhythmic quips and alterations here and there."

From its pendulous synth/piano intro by Philip John to slick guitars by Amrith Raghunathan that welcome Hanumankind's rap, David's saxophone takes centerstage soon enough to let 'Yuh' soar. Bassist Soorya Praveen and drummer Sange Wangchuk back up and even lead the rhythms into dexterous spaces, making the most of the two-and-a-half-minute song's runtime.

It is easy to compare it to Till Apes earliest singles such as 'World Domination' and 'Scissor Salad' and David points out that the song's place early on in their live performances meant that it never got old as they relied on it charge up the crowd. He adds, "It's short and crisp, plus the intro always has us tensing up right until the big release where Hanumankind comes in with his lyrical flow."

How does the band explain the five-odd years it has taken them to release 'Yuh'? David says it was more to do with the challenge of having enough material ready to follow-up on once they were released. "We wanted to make sure we're steadily releasing songs in 2024, hence the long wait," he adds.

With the song out now, Till Apes performed as part of Jameson Connects on March 10 at the Lalit Ashok, alongside singer-songwriter Frizzell D'Souza and Belgium-origin "organic electronic" band Stavroz.

"This is a gig we are super excited for, mostly because of several new instrumentals that we're debuting and a completely re-arranged set that also features songs we haven't played in a really long time."

Playing in Bengaluru might be the easiest bet for Till Apes right now, considering all the band members have their own set of projects that are active. David says there aren't any tours in the pipeline with the focus going into planning and releasing new music.

However, the journey has been "surreal" so far for Till Apes, according to the saxophonist – from playing across the country and hitting up festivals such as Lollapalooza India in Mumbai in 2023. He adds, "There's a lot of new material that we've been writing and we want to make sure it's produced to the best of our abilities."

There are more singles, EPs and albums in the works from Till Apes. David says they spent most of 2023 "polishing the many ideas" they had with them. He adds about their plans for the year, "Maybe the odd show here and there, but 2024 is all about getting our new material out because Till Apes' soundscape is evolving and we want to have you along for the ride."

All aboard the melody express The Till Apes band. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

FILM REVIEW

Vivek M V

Time and tide A still from *Blink*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Blink (Kannada)
Director: Srinidhi Bengaluru
Cast: Dheekshith Shetty, Chaithra J Achar, Gopalkrishna Deshpande and Suresh Anagalli
Runtime: 136 minutes
Storyline: Apoorva, a youngster struggling to find his footing, has a unique ability to control blinking, and that becomes a curse when a mysterious old man reveals shocking details of his past.

Perfect fusion of elements

Blink begins with the audio of eminent Kannada writer P Lankesh talking about the beauty and challenges of writing in an interview with All India Radio. Lankesh is an inspiration to thousands of writers from Karnataka. In a long time, no Kannada film has begun with a tribute to writing, one of the crucial elements of a quality film.

Writing is indeed the biggest strength of *Blink*, but more on that later. Except for the performers, the film is led by a rookie team, with debutant Srinidhi Bengaluru being the director. Many films without solid financial backing and inexperienced artistes look tacky on the technical front; *Blink* is anything but that. The film moves seamlessly thanks to the perfect fusion of editing, cinematography, and music.

Running across multiple timelines, *Blink* has Dheekshith Shetty playing Apoorva, a youngster yet to find his footing in his career. He depends on his girlfriend Swapna (Mandara Battalahalli) for money. They are part of a theatre group gearing up for a production.

Talking about theatre, *Oedipus Rex* becomes the reason for the film's biggest twist. The film throws its first surprise when Apoorva sees an old man following him. Soon, he comes across a person who looks exactly like him. Apoorva has a unique ability to control his blinking, and that becomes a major tool for him to learn about his past.

Once the time-travel concept kicks in, *Blink* becomes a gripping thriller as director Srinidhi Bengaluru lays out the traditional framework of the genre without hiccups. People keep going back and forth in time. With each time-travel, the film offers juicy twists. The film explains its turn of events without spoon-feeding.

The film's writing is a lesson on the impact of subtlety in cinema. *Blink* pays a gentle yet authentic tribute to Kannada writers, movies, and culture through songs, images, and casual mentions.

The dialogues sound real while no scene is longer than required, emphasising the beauty of meticulous writing.

Dheekshith Shetty brilliantly sells the frustration of a man facing an uncertain future. Gopalakrishna Deshpande, Chaithra J Achar, Suresh Anagalli, and Vajdradheer Jain are pitch-perfect in their respective roles. The complexity in the screenplay is inevitable, given the film's concept. For people merely looking for straightforward entertainment, it could be hard to process new details at major turning points in the movie.

As the film neared its end, perhaps exhausted by the number of revelations, someone asked in the movie hall, "Are we also in the loop?" *Blink* is a genre-specific movie that needs strong attention and undisturbed investment to enjoy its results. And as we think of the film later, many things do make sense.

Blink is currently running in theatres.

Modi to launch 205 'One Station, One Product' stalls for Southern Railway

PM to dedicate to nation railway projects worth ₹85,000 crore today; one more Chennai-Mysuru Vande Bharat and new Express train on Kollam-Tirupathi route to be flagged off; he will also open Aushadi Kendras selling affordable medicines

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate 'One Station, One Product' (OSOP) stalls at 205 railway stations across Southern Railway, including 168 in Tamil Nadu, through video conferencing on Tuesday.

The OSOP scheme which promotes the 'Local for Vocal' vision of the Government of India provides a market for local/indigenous products and creates additional income opportunities for the marginalised sections of the society, Southern Railway General Manager R.N. Singh said.

Addressing pressperson here, Mr. Singh said as part of the ₹85,000-crore railway projects that would be dedicated to the nation on Tuesday, Mr. Modi would launch another Vande Bharat Express between Dr. MGR Chennai Central and Mysuru. While the regular services of Train No. 20663/20664 Mysuru-Dr. MGR Chennai Central-Mysuru Vande Bharat (except Wednesday) would commence on April 5, the train would run between Chennai Central and SMVT Bengaluru from March 14 to April 4, with stops at Katpadi and Krishnarajapuram.

On track: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually flag off the inaugural special of the Dr MGR Chennai Central-SMVT Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express on Tuesday. Special Arrangement

Mr. Modi will also flag off a new Express train on the Kollam-Tirupathi-Kollam route and extension of the Thiruvananthapuram-Kasaragod Vande Bharat Express up to Mangaluru Central. To ease freight loading/unloading, Goods Sheds with ample warehousing facilities would be launched at Singaperumal Koil, Gangaikondan, Theni, Pattukottai, Thiruthuraipoondi and Valliyur.

Mr. Modi will inaugurate Jan Aushadi Kendras at Dindigul, Erode, Tiruchi and Palakkad railway stations where passengers would be able to purchase quality generic medicines at an affordable price.

Among other projects, a rail coach restaurant would be inaugurated at Chennai Central.

Air-conditioned EMUs

A senior railway officer who was present in the press conference said two air-conditioned EMUs were allotted for Southern Railway and services would commence in May or June after the rakes are received from the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai. To a question on jerks experienced by passengers in Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) rakes, he said the issue was taken up with the ICF and some improvement was being made.

'PM Modi feigns concern for people only till elections'

The Hindu Bureau
DHARMAPURI

Launching a blistering attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Monday accused the Centre of trying to destroy States by discriminating between those ruled by the BJP and those ruled by other parties, and curbing their finances.

Inaugurating various projects for Salem, Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri, Mr. Stalin said that they stood as a testament to the fact that all districts were treated equally under the 'Dravidian Model'.

"Unlike the DMK, which treats all districts equally, is the Union government treating all States equally," he asked, adding, "It is trying to erase States; erase our language and culture."

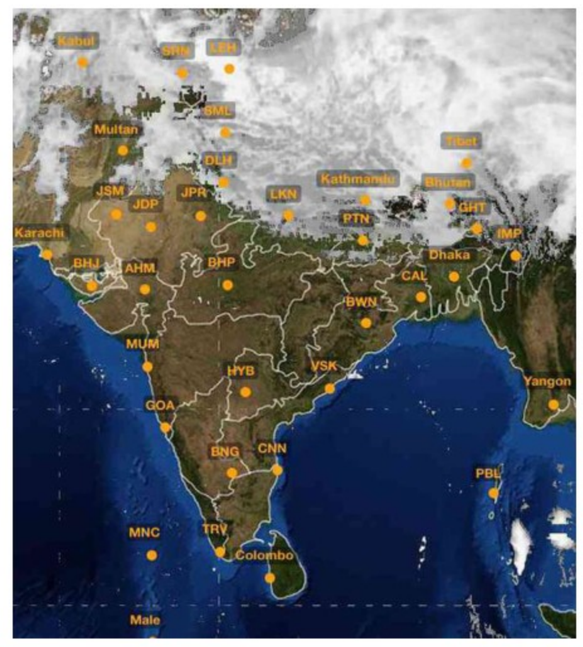
He claimed that Mr. Modi feigned concern for the people only till the elections. "Over the past 10 years, he has hiked the price of LPG cylinders by ₹500. With the elections around the corner, he has slashed the price by ₹100," he said.

The Chief Minister said that the people of Tamil Nadu knew that Mr. Modi's tours of the State were pointless.

"Have they been of any use," he asked. "The foundation for AIIMS in Madurai was laid in 2019, but the project did not take off. Now, they have started the work, which will stop as soon as elections are over," he claimed.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: No weather warning

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.7	13.5	Kozhikode	—	36.4	26.9
Ahmedabad	—	35.7	18.3	Kurnool	—	39.1	26.1
Aizawl	—	30.8	10.6	Lucknow	—	30.4	14.2
Allahabad	—	34.0	16.0	Madurai	—	36.5	24.6
Bengaluru	—	34.0	21.6	Mangaluru	—	33.3	26.0
Bhopal	—	33.3	15.6	Mumbai	—	34.1	19.2
Bhubaneswar	—	35.2	22.9	Mysuru	—	36.0	21.0
Chandigarh	—	28.0	13.9	New Delhi	—	31.4	13.3
Chennai	—	33.5	26.8	Patna	—	30.6	15.3
Coimbatore	—	36.0	23.4	Port Blair	—	32.9	23.7
Dehradun	—	28.0	15.1	Puducherry	—	33.7	26.0
Gangtok	—	19.2	10.7	Pune	—	37.2	18.9
Goa	—	32.8	22.8	Raipur	—	36.5	23.0
Guwahati	—	32.8	14.5	Ranchi	—	31.0	15.0
Hubballi	—	38.0	23.0	Shillong	—	20.8	10.3
Hyderabad	—	35.4	24.6	Shimla	—	20.6	10.8
Imphal	—	30.3	9.1	Srinagar	—	17.2	3.0
Jaipur	—	31.2	20.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.8	25.2
Kochi	—	33.0	28.0	Tiruchi	—	36.3	24.6
Kohima	—	21.9	12.4	Vijayawada	—	35.3	25.8
Kolkata	—	32.8	17.7	Visakhapatnam	—	33.2	26.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	9	65	19	108	188	
Bengaluru	13	61	49	274	—	
Chennai	11	10	48	89	81	
Delhi	21	50	34	300	182	
Hyderabad	3	29	41	47	85	
Kolkata	13	22	111	152	155	
Lucknow	10	56	28	188	166	
Mumbai	9	97	48	116	110	
Pune	91	115	115	60	66	
Visakhapatnam	11	42	26	71	103	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 328 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Tumakuru, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 29

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

LDF, BJP spar as PM inaugurates Thalassery-Mahe NH bypass

The Hindu Bureau
KANNUR

The inauguration of the six-lane Thalassery-Mahe national highway bypass in Kerala by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday transformed into a political showdown between the BJP and the Left Democratic Front (LDF), as both vied for credit for completing the project.

The inauguration of the bypass, spanning across the Kannur and Vadakara Lok Sabha constituencies, saw both the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the LDF holding roadshows on the stretch featuring their respective candidates, claiming credit for the completion of the long-awaited project.

NDA candidate C. Raghunath (Vadakara) said the Modi government's proactive stance towards the State led to the realisation of the road project.

Hitting back, LDF Kannur candidate M.V. Jayarajan said, "Kerala is ruled by a government that has, for the first time in the State's history, allocated funds for the development of national highways."

The work for the project commenced in 2018 for which the process of land acquisition started in 1977. It encountered delays attributed to natural calamities and extended beyond its initially projected timeline.

Drones handed over to 1,000 women

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Women from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka showcased their drone flying capabilities as part of a nation-wide event to hand over agricultural drones to women under the Namo Drone Didi scheme on Monday. The demonstration was done from 10 different locations across the country.

Later, 108 women also received certificates which will allow them to fly the drones legally.

Mr. Modi also handed over drones to 1,000 women chosen to operate drones for agriculture and related purposes."I believe that Nari Shakti can lead the technological revolution of India. Today, we see in the IT sector, space sector, and science sector how women are making their name," he said.

(With PTI inputs)

Find a lasting solution to the fishermen problem: Madras HC

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Madras High Court on Monday impressed upon the Centre the need to find a lasting solution to the recurring problem of Indian fishermen being arrested and their boats being seized by the Sri Lankan Navy on charges of crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). Chief Justice Sanjay V. Gangapurwala and Justice D. Bharatha Chakravarthy granted Deputy Solicitor-General R. Rajesh Vivekananthan time till March 25 to get instructions from the Ministry of External Affairs on the possibility of convening a meeting of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Working Group on Fisheries.

The judges expressed grave concern over frequent complaints of Indian fishermen being arrested and their boats being damaged, during the hearing of a public interest litigation petition.

CID files chargesheet against Naidu

The Hindu Bureau
GUNTUR

The Andhra Pradesh Crime Investigation Department (AP-CID) has filed a chargesheet against TDP national president and former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in connection with the alleged assigned land scam in the capital city of Amaravati, in which former Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development P. Narayana has been named a co-accused. The CID alleged that Mr. Narayana had acquired 162 acres of land.

THE HINDU IN SCHOOL PRESENTS SCHOOL BUZZ
A Newspaper exclusively curated for School Students

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The grade 10 Graduation Day was held at National Hill View Public School, Banashankari. The event, organised by the grade 9 students, marked an occasion for the outgoing seniors. The two-day event had nostalgic moments, fun activities and heartfelt farewells. On day one, the festivities commenced with a Walk of Pride, where grade 10 students strolled through the school corridors one last time. The following day, grade 9 students orchestrated a series of informal activities to ensure a memorable experience for their seniors Aisshwarya DKS Hegde, trustee secretary of Schools, principal Anita, and vice-principal Surekha, were present. Ms. Aisshwarya imparted valuable lessons on the importance of knowledge and wisdom in daily life.

MONTESSORI GRADUATION DAY

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"
RYAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS
BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

Ryan International School Yelahanka celebrated the Montessori graduation day the students of Montessori I to Grade 2. The children presented their performances. The presence of director Sonal Pinto added flair to the occasion. The event came to a close with a sense of pride, with the School Anthem and National Anthem.

PLAQUE LAYING CEREMONY

The plaque unveiling solemn ceremony was held at St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Museum Road. Brig. Desmond E Hayde, and Col. Alan Deepak Gardner, alumni of the school, graced the occasion. The welcome by principal, Fr. Sunil Fernandes SJ; and the opening address by the OBA president Aditya Kaura, all spoke of the bonding that existed between the Old Boys, the present leadership, and the institution. The ceremony concluded with the unveiling of the plaques by Old Boy Air Marshal Trevor Osman. The war memorial along with the plaques that decorated the entrance of SJBHS served as a reminder of the sacrifice and selfless service of the Josephite

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If any person/Firm/Institution/Company/ having any claim or right in respect of the scheduled property is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents fail in which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claim and the claims, if any such person shall be treated as waived and not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Site No. 1020** situated at **Banashankari 3rd stage** Survey No.95,96,121 and 122, Hoskerahalli Layout, BBMP Ward No.161, PID No.55-483-1020, measuring East to West 12.19 mts, North to South 6.40+12.20/2 mts, **Totally 113.36 sq.mts,** Bounded on : **East Site No.1019, West: Road, North: Site No.1021, South: Dodda Mori.**

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CORRIGENDUM

This has reference to "Form A Public Announcement" made for "Allam Infinite India Private Limited" that was published on 3rd March 2024 (Sunday) in The Hindu, Bengaluru Edition.

Claims of all Financial Creditors (FCs) and other FCs including Homebuyers MUST be filed using the link https://pda.nesl.co.in/ Those who have already submitted their claims are requested to resubmit their claims using this link.

Other creditors may choose to file their claims through the same link.

Rest of the contents of "Form A Public Announcement "will remain the same.

PS: A hand holding session shall be provided to the stake holders by NeSL

Sincerely,

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOTIFICATION
(through e-procurement portal)

Expression of Interest (EOI) are invited from constructors for "Construction of cold storage projects under RIDF-29 for the year 2023-24. The interested eligible vendor/constructors can download the EOI documents through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and **https://horticulturedir.karnataka.gov.in.** Further details contact **9448592678 or 7019963590**.

Tender number and Locations of cold storage projects:

Sl.No.	Tender Number	Location
1.	KSHD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT5	Chavvenahalli Horticulture farm, Malur taluk, Kolar
2.	KSHD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT6	Arikere village, Vijayapura taluk, Vijayapura
3.	KSHD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT7	Hanumanamátti farm, Ranebennur, Haveri
4.	KSHD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT8	Murukanahalli horticulture farm, K.R. Pete taluk, Mandya
5.	KSHD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT9	Horticulture farm, APMC yard, Santepete, Hassan
6.	KSHD/2023-24/BD/WORK_INDENT10	Kalenehalli Horticulture farm, Shikaripura taluk, Shimoga

DIPR/CP/4180/Zen/2023-24

Sd/-
Joint Director of Horticulture

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Names and bonds

Court did well to thwart SBI's attempt to delay details of electoral bonds

The Supreme Court's refusal to grant any further time to the State Bank of India (SBI) to furnish details of those who purchased and parties that encashed electoral bonds since April 2019 has foiled an ill-advised attempt to seek postponement of the disclosure until after the general election. The SBI has now been asked to disclose to the Election Commission of India (ECI), by the end of March 12, the names of details of the purchasers of the bonds, the dates on which these were bought, and denominations. The bank should also disclose the names of parties that redeemed the bonds, along with dates and denominations. The ECI has to host the information on its website by March 15. The upshot of the bank's application for time until June 30 is that it is now quite clear that it must disclose the data available to it, and need not try and match the names of the donors with the parties. It appears that the initial directions of the Constitution Bench, as part of its February 15 judgment invalidating the electoral bonds scheme, had been construed to mean that the SBI was required to match with exactitude all the purchasers with the recipients. The bank deemed this a "time-consuming" exercise, as the details were in separate silos and not stored in digital format.

In rejecting the bank's application for time and keeping the threat of contempt action alive, the Court has sent a message that it will not brook any further delay. The Bench has also rightly questioned the bank's silence on what had been done to comply with the order until the filing of an application for extension of time, just two days before the March 6 deadline. It is now quite apparent that even manually matching the two datasets could not have taken as long as the four months the SBI wanted. A question may arise as to whether the voters' right to information, the very basis for the Court finding the anonymous donation scheme unconstitutional, will be fulfilled by mere disclosure of the names of bond purchasers and the parties that received the funds, without authentic data on who donated what amount to which party. Given that the bonds have to be redeemed within a 15-day window, it may still be possible for a diligent civil society to use the disclosures to match donors and parties based on the proximity between dates of purchase and redemption. The data may also help unravel whether corporate houses or individuals benefited from their donations to ruling parties at the Centre and in the States, or if the contributions were made in response to any threat of investigation and prosecution.

Politics and pass-overs

Geopolitics outdid the politics in the choice of Oscar winners

The liveliest moment at the 96th Academy Awards came courtesy of Donald Trump. Host Jimmy Kimmel, perhaps sensing the lack of fireworks to light up Hollywood's biggest night – no slapgate, not even a hectic '*Naatu Naatu*' performance to feed a post-Oscars diversity debate – took his chance to slag off the former U.S. President after Mr. Trump had criticised Kimmel's hostmanship. Reading out Mr. Trump's post live on stage, minutes before the final award, Kimmel calmly clapped back with, "...I'm surprised, isn't it past your jail time?" In fairness, Mr. Trump's crotchety assessment of Oscar night was not entirely off the mark, which rolled out in drearily predictable fashion. Christopher Nolan's frontrunning Second World War-era opus, *Oppenheimer*, won seven out of its 13 nominations including 'Best Actor' (for Cillian Murphy, who plays the progenitor of the atomic bomb J. Robert Oppenheimer). It was an undeniably glorious moment for Nolan, passed on for Oscar recognition on six prior occasions. In the run-up to the Oscars, there was nervousness that *Oppenheimer* might not meet the Academy's new diversity standards. Perhaps the gloomy mushroom clouds of *Oppenheimer* held sway among Academy voters over the piercing pink of another global hit from last year. Greta Gerwig's *Barbie*, which far outstripped Nolan's film during their much-publicised theatrical face-off, won just one award ('Best Original Song'). If a female-led, visually inventive comedy-drama with a subversive edge shone at the Oscars, it was not *Barbie* but *Poor Things*. Yorgos Lanthimos' film, starring Emma Stone, won four out of its 11 nods, including 'Best Actress' for Stone. Her performance has been hailed yet it yielded one of the night's biggest upsets: Lily Gladstone, the first Native American to be nominated for 'Best Actress' in Martin Scorsese's *Killers of the Flower Moon*, was passed over for what could have been a landmark win.

Politics ruffled the smooth surface and cautious decorum of this year's Academy Awards. The 'Best Documentary' feature film went to *20 Days in Mariupol*, about life in the besieged Ukrainian city. Accepting the award, a first for Ukraine, director Mstyslav Chernov said that he wished he could 'never make this film', and would gladly trade it for Russia never occupying his homeland. Jonathan Glazer's *The Zone of Interest*, a chilling cinematic miniature of human indifference set in Nazi Germany, won 'Best International Film', with Glazer taking the opportunity to address the bombing of Gaza. His sentiments chimed with pro-Palestinian protesters who halted traffic before the Oscar ceremony, and the celebrities who wore red pins and signed a letter calling for a ceasefire. Clearly, the Oscars are no longer about an inward-looking, insulated group of celebrities who come to the spectacle to be seen.

Central transfers and the issue of shares of some States

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There are many issues that the Sixteenth Finance Commission will have to deal with. In this article, we focus on one issue which has been raised by many States, particularly those in the south of India. The issue (or the complaint) is that these States have been facing a decline in their share out of the resources transferred from the Centre to the States, from Finance Commission to Finance Commission.

In finding a solution to this issue, we need to look at: which States have been gaining and which are losing their share over time; the criteria of horizontal distribution which has led to some States steadily losing their share; and what can be done to reverse this trend.

In *Table 1*, the shares of groups of States and those for selected States are shown, for the Twelfth Finance Commission to the Fifteenth Finance Commission (final report). In the case of the southern States, there has been a steady fall in their share, from 19.785% to 15.800%. In a comparison of these two Commissions, the northern and eastern States have also lost. The 'gainer States' were the hilly, central, and western States including Maharashtra.

The distance criterion

The shares of individual States in tax devolution depend on the criteria and the weights used by different Commissions. *Table 2* provides a list of the different criteria used by Finance Commissions, from the Twelfth to the Fifteenth.

The income distance criterion and cesses and surcharges are areas that need review

Share of States/groups of States in tax devolution

Table 1: Share of States (%) in Commission-wise tax devolution for groups and selected States

Region	Overall				Overall	Distance criterion
	FC12	FC13	FC14	FC15 (final)	FC15 (final) minus FC12	
Northern of which:	**32.666**	**33.031**	**30.285**	**30.897**	**-1.769**	**4.907**
Bihar	11.028	10.917	9.665	10.058	-0.970	0.862
Uttar Pradesh	19.264	19.677	17.959	17.939	-1.325	2.509
Central	**12.726**	**12.392**	**13.767**	**14.564**	**1.838**	**1.298**
West of which:	**14.434**	**14.359**	**14.478**	**16.207**	**1.773**	**2.822**
Maharashtra	5.082	5.284	5.649	6.317	1.235	1.758
Gujarat	3.625	3.101	3.156	3.478	-0.147	-0.089
Southern of which:	**19.785**	**18.575**	**17.978**	**15.800**	**-3.985**	**-8.055**
Tamil Nadu	5.305	4.969	4.023	4.079	-1.226	-1.736
Eastern	**15.453**	**15.671**	**15.277**	**15.179**	**-0.274**	**-0.192**
Hilly	**3.639**	**4.421**	**6.361**	**7.353**	**3.714**	**-0.020**

Source (basic data): Reports of Finance Commissions (Twelfth to Fifteenth) and writers' estimates
Notes: (1) The Fifteenth Finance Commission had submitted two reports. Here, the reference is to the final report. | (2) Shares are not strictly comparable across Commissions because of change in the status of Jammu and Kashmir for FC15.

Table 2: Relative weights for different tax devolution criteria: FC12 to FC15 (2)

#	Criteria	FC12	FC 13	FC 14	FC 15 (final)
1	Population	25	25	17.5	15.0
2	Demographic change	-	-	10	12.5
3	Income/ fiscal capacity distance	50	47.5	50	45.0
4	Area	10	10	15	15.0
5	Forest cover	-	-	7.5	10.0
6	Tax effort	7.5	-	-	2.5
7	Fiscal discipline	7.5	17.5	-	-

Source (basic data): Reports of Finance Commissions (Twelfth to Fifteenth)

Table 3: Share of Centre and States in combined revenue (%)

FC period	Pre-transfer		Post-transfer	
	Centre	States	Centre	States
12th FC	64.3	35.7	38.7	61.3
13th FC	61.8	38.2	36.1	63.9
14th FC	62.3	37.7	31.9	68.1
15th FC (first 3 years)	62.6	37.4	31.3	68.7
2020-21	62.3	37.7	29.3	70.7
2021-22	64.1	35.9	32.3	67.7
2022-23	61.5	38.5	32.5	67.5

Source (basic data): IPFS, Union Budget documents, RBI
Notes: (1) Transfers include tax devolution and Finance Commission as well as other grants. | (2) Grants from the Centre to States after 2015-16 are taken from the Union Budget. It includes grants-in-aid to the Union Territories.

The distance criterion has been accorded the highest weight amongst these criteria. Its weight was reduced from 50% to 47.5% by the Thirteenth Finance Commission and further reduced to 45% by the Fifteenth Finance Commission. Earlier, the Eleventh Finance Commission had given this criterion a weight of 62.5%. The equalisation principle has always been regarded in India and elsewhere as a key principle governing distribution. Economic and social justice demand this.

The main reason for the loss of the southern States is the income distance criterion (*Table 1*). Distance criterion means that the farther a State is from the highest income State, the higher its share. The main reason for the gain of the hilly States is area/forest criterion, although its impact is not separately shown. Between these two Finance Commissions, the loss to the southern States due to the distance criterion amounted to 8.055% points, although the overall loss was much less at 3.985% points, implying that there was a gain under other criteria.

Although on account of the distance criterion, low-income States such as Bihar and Uttar Pradesh have gained over time, they have lost on account of other criteria. Bihar and Uttar Pradesh show, in terms of their overall share, a loss of 0.970% points and 1.325% points.

On population

One other criterion that has caused some controversy is population. Until the Fourteenth Finance Commission, the data for the population in 1971 was used. For the Fifteenth Finance Commission, data for the population in 2011 was used. However, in order not to penalise States that showed better performance in reducing fertility rates, the demographic change criterion was introduced. The joint impact of these two changes has been marginal for all groups of States. For Tamil Nadu, the joint impact was marginally positive.

Steps to take

As mentioned, we cannot give up the income distance criterion. Some raise the question whether such a criterion can continue indefinitely. This is a legitimate question. But this question can be raised in relation to many other issues. Perhaps one step that the Sixteenth Finance Commission can consider is to reduce its weight while correspondingly raising the weights attached to other criteria.

Related to the question of share is also the quantum of the divisible pool. While accepting the recommendation of the Fourteenth Finance Commission to raise the share of all States to 42% from 32%, the Centre increased the cesses and surcharges, thereby reducing the size of the divisible pool. This is not desirable. One option is to limit the share of cesses and surcharges to 10% of the Centre's gross tax revenues. After the recommendation of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, the share of the States in the combined revenue receipts increased from 63.9% to 68.1% (*Table 3*). It increased further to 70.7% in 2020-21. Since then, it has fallen to 67.5% in 2022-23, although this level is still higher than 61.3% in the Twelfth Finance Commission period.

To sum up, there is a case to address the issue raised by some of the States regarding their declining shares. The major factor contributing to this situation is the adoption of income distance criterion and giving it a weight as high as 45%. But in any scheme of fair distribution, this criterion cannot be given up.

The Finance Commission can reduce the weight of this criterion by 5% to 10% points. Also, cesses and surcharges may be subjected to some upper limit by the Sixteenth Finance Commission.

The views expressed are personal

A tribe in the Western Ghats in need of a lifeline

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In Karnataka's section of the Western Ghats, lies Makuta village, under Betoli gram panchayat of Virajpet *taluka* in Kodagu district. More specifically, the village falls under the Makuta Aranya Valaya which is in the vicinity of the Kerti reserved forest. This area is in the Talacauvery sub-cluster, identified as one of the 10 World Heritage Sites in Karnataka and is a region of dense tropical evergreen forests that have remained undisturbed to a large extent.

The village has a Girijan colony inhabited by the 'Phani Yerava' tribe. In 2021, with the help of two local people including a Muslim gram panchayat member, all the 19 Yerava households here were able to successfully claim their 'land' in the forest, under the Forest Rights Act. In a joint survey conducted by the Forest, Revenue and Social Welfare Departments, officials found that the Yeravas reside on 135 acres of forest land, right from the time of their ancestors.

When asked about the importance of acquiring forest rights, the tribals did not appear to be very enthusiastic because their dependence on the forest exclusively for their livelihood has been reducing over some time.

The reason they gave was that they found going into the forest to collect minor forest produce to be a tiresome job. Besides, selling the produce was no longer lucrative given the volatile market and also rampant exploitation by middlemen. This bitter experience led them to believe that for the same effort, they would get better wages if they worked as labour. Hence, working as daily labour (casual or agriculture) is now the primary occupation of these forest dwellers. The majority of them prefer to go to Kasaragod in Kerala State which is less than 10 kilometres from their habitation, as they are comfortable speaking Malayalam.

Issues such as alcohol abuse that are threatening to overwhelm the 'Phani Yerava' tribals in Karnataka need to be on the policy radar

Nevertheless, along with fuelwood and honey, the other minor forest produce they collect includes *dhoopa* (*Vateria indica*)/incense, and *shekakai* (soap pod). The quantity collected depends on the availability of the produce in the forest as well as the need to procure them. However, most of those who gather forest produce said that the amount they collected was most often for their own consumption. There is no stockpiling.

The scourge of addiction

However, there is an issue that is a cause for worry. When this writer-researcher visited them to understand their socio-economic status after the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, almost the entire community was found to be in an intoxicated state due to alcohol abuse. According to non-tribal locals and others in the area, they picked the habit in the city seeing other labourers doing the same in the evenings after returning home to unwind after the pain from the day's hard work. Not surprisingly, the tribals in the village were not in a position to recall how they got into this. Even adolescent children have taken to this vice. This has affected children's attendance in schools too. Intoxication has slowly turned the community's life into one of a miserable existence. As a result, the community is found to be uninformed about happenings in the external world around them. Given this development, important documents such as ration cards, Aadhar cards, voter identity cards, or even government documents such as rights given under the Forest Rights Act have to be kept in the safe custody of trustworthy non-tribal members.

Officials from the Department of Social Welfare working in this area have also been concerned about this issue because they find the state of the habitants to be 'disheartening'. A case worker, who expressed deep empathy for them, said that efforts are being made to conduct a de-addiction drive. In another habitation in Nerugalale gram panchayat in Somwarpet *taluka* in the same district, a headman of the 'Yarava' tribe expressed sadness that a number of his relatives had lost their lives due to addiction. He cited this as the cause behind the population in his hamlet reducing to half. He hoped that good sense would prevail and that the tribals would lead a vice-free life.

It was the same story, but with varying degrees, in every tribal village that this writer-researcher visited in the Western Ghats region in Karnataka during the study (this article is drawn from a larger research study titled "Tribals, Forest Rights and Heritage Conservation: A Study of Western Ghats in Karnataka", sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi).

Non-government organisation activists and government officials working in the jurisdiction of the villages have said that such issues do not get enough attention in the policy matters in the State – a view also expressed by the leaders of some local tribal communities such as the Hasalaru, Gowdalu, and Jenu Kurubas. According to them, only a few communities which are numerically dominant among the Scheduled Tribes have been gaining benefits over recent years, in every walk of life. They expressed the wish that the government should consider these kinds of social issues seriously and take steps that are in the best interest of those groups. It is only then, they believe, that existential concerns such as addictions haunting forest dwellers can be addressed effectively.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cracks in the ECI

The sudden resignation of Election Commissioner Arun Goel is bound to raise eyebrows. The report, "'Differences' with CEC may have led to Goel quitting" (page 1), read in conjunction with a second report, (Inside pages, "Two heads better than one, said SC on CEC's solitary vigil"), gives a fair idea to the reader on the divided and divisive opinions among top bureaucrats. Absolute powers with one individual is never desirable.
This is a year of the general election, and it is incumbent on the Chief Election Commissioner to exercise utmost care and caution in discharging a Himalayan assignment.
Balasubramaniam Pavani,
Secunderabad

I write this letter as a former Member of Parliament. The resignation of Election Commissioner Arun Goel at a crucial juncture is intriguing. The government has declared that the vacancy would be filled soon. But still! It is unfortunate that the developments cast a shadow on the neutrality of the constitutional body in the minds of the people. It is incumbent on the persons selected to ensure that they conduct the grand election exercise in a fair manner.
Dr. D.V.G. Sankara Rao,
Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh

Apart from bureaucratic omerta there is something deep behind the abrupt decision of the resignation of Mr. Goel. When parliamentary elections are round the corner, no responsible Election Commissioner would choose to act like a general fleeing the war front unless there are 'compulsions'. It does not behove well for parliamentary democracy when the Election Commission is making news for all the wrong reasons.
Ayyasseri Raveendranath,
Aranmula, Kerala

Ragging in focus

I have been a practising advocate for the past 44 years and have read innumerable (reported) judgments wherein graphic details of incidents of ragging are described. The case in Kerala is no different. The victim is asked to perform the most indecent and shocking acts. Unless the youngster is mentally tough and prepared to digest the humiliations they are subjected to, they can break down. Despite the passage of numerous pieces of State legislation, the number of ragging incidents has not come down.
If only all the incidents come to light, we may get to know the severity surrounding ragging.
V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

What happened in Kerala was calculated murder. Every one involved should be brought to justice including the teachers who tried to cover up the crime. The silence of 130 students who witnessed the 'public trial, verdict and its execution' is frightening. Higher education should lead our students to become cultured beings.
Joseph Kochuparambil,
Alwaye, Kerala

Time to prohibit judges from joining politics

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Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay recently resigned as a judge of the Calcutta High Court and joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He said that he was approached by the BJP, and he also approached the BJP, during his tenure as judge. He declared that henceforth, he will be a "party soldier".

While he was judge, Mr. Gangopadhyay was often in the news for the wrong reasons. He allegedly gave an interview to a TV channel criticising the West Bengal government and speaking about the school job-for-bribe case. He created controversy by defying an order of a division bench. Sometimes he had run-ins with lawyers and even fellow judges. While dealing with one of the cases pertaining to Mr. Gangopadhyay's conduct, a bench of Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice P.S. Narasimha rightly said that judges have no business giving TV interviews on pending matters. The Chief Minister criticised Mr. Gangopadhyay after his resignation saying his judgments will always remain questionable.

Former Union Minister Arun Jaitley had once advocated a cooling off period for judges saying "pre-retirement judgments are influenced by a desire for a post-retirement job". When confronted with this suggestion, Mr. Gangopadhyay retorted that there is no rule to this effect. He added that he "never gave any political judgment which was politically biased".

No legal bar

A member of the Constituent Assembly, K.T. Shah, had suggested that judges of constitutional courts should be legally barred from occupying executive posts. But the Constituent Assembly did not find favour with this. Implementing external rules to control the judicial behaviour of judges would be antithetical to the idea of judicial independence. This is why India has not legislated over the judicial conduct of judges of constitutional courts.

Acceptance of judgeship is often an act of sacrifice for lawyers as it involves loss of freedom. Restraint becomes the norm, which also reduces the space for personal aspirations. Yet, a judge of the constitutional court gets powers and privileges which others do not enjoy. According to Article 217 read with Article 124(4) of the Constitution, the only way to remove a judge is the almost unworkable method of impeachment by Parliament. Article 215 declares the High Court to be a court of record with contempt power which the judges could invoke. The jurist Alan Dershowitz was right when he said that "judges are the weakest link in our system of justice, and they are also the most protected".

Judicial conduct

Paragraph VIII of the Third Schedule of the Constitution demands a judge-designate to swear inter alia that he will perform his duties without fear or favour, affection or ill-will. The Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct (2002) gained international acceptance as indicated by the Judicial Integrity Group. The declaration enlists certain judicial values including independence, impartiality, integrity, propriety, equality, competence and diligence. It emphasises the need to eradicate bias or prejudice in the decision-making process. It asks judges to ensure that their conduct "both in and out of (the) court maintains and enhances the confidence of the public, the legal profession, and litigants in the impartiality of the judge and of the judiciary". Clause 2.4 of the declaration is against the judge making comments "that might reasonably be expected to affect the outcome of (a case)." It says that the "judge shall disqualify himself or herself from participating in any proceedings in which the judge is unable to decide the matter impartially". The Code also says, "A judge shall conduct himself or herself in a way that is consistent with the dignity of the judicial office".

The U.S judge, Simon Rifkind, remarked that the courtroom, sooner or later, becomes the image of the judge and that it will rise or fall to the level of the presiding judge. The Supreme Court in *C. Ravichandran Iyer v. Justice A.M. Bhattacharjee* (1995) said, "To keep the stream of justice clean and pure, the Judge must be endowed with sterling character, impeccable integrity and upright behaviour". In *All India Judges' Association v. Union of India* (1991), the court spoke of "society's expectation from judicial officers".

There have been similar instances in the past. In 1967, Chief Justice Koka Subba Rao resigned to contest the presidential elections, and in 1983, the Supreme Court judge Baharul Islam resigned to get elected as a member of the Rajya Sabha. But past aberrations do not justify present wrongs. They are no longer good precedents or practices given the globally accepted principles of the Bangalore Declaration, which were made later.

An opportunity

The present episode, therefore, gives an opportunity to the Chief Justice of India and the Supreme Court to investigate the matter more seriously and evolve methods to avert such judicial aberrations. It could lead to one of the most awaited steps towards reforming the judiciary. The top court must expressly prohibit judges of constitutional courts from taking the political plunge even after they resign. Such acts should be interpreted as a breach of the oath read in the light of Indian precedents and the accepted norms on judicial conduct. There is a need for a judge-made law on the topic since Parliament will hardly act on this issue.

The act of judges of constitutional courts taking the political plunge even after they resign should be interpreted as a breach of the oath

Drugs, a money trail, and politics

The DMK top leadership is maintaining an uneasy silence in the Jaffer Sadiq case

STATE OF PLAY

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On February 25, Tamil Nadu's ruling DMK general secretary Duraimurugan issued a short note announcing the immediate expulsion of Jaffer Sadiq, who held the post of deputy organiser of the DMK's NRI wing for Chennai-West. Mr. Duraimurugan urged cadres not to have any truck with Mr. Sadiq, who is also a film producer, who had "brought disrepute" to the party.

A day earlier, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) along with the Delhi Police Special Cell had busted Mr. Sadiq's alleged links with an international drug cartel. The party clearly foresaw the potential damage that Mr. Sadiq's continued association with the DMK could cause in an election season. It did not help that videos and photos of Mr. Sadiq with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, his minister-son Udhayanidhi Stalin, and Director General of Police (DGP) Shankar Jiwal emerged. While this does not establish any direct complicity on the part of the top leadership and the DGP, it has left the government and the ruling party red-faced.

The pace at which events related to the case have since unfolded will reinforce the DMK's fears. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has converted this into a key issue in the Lok Sabha polls. "Today, I want to speak about a serious issue and share my concern. I want every father and mother in Tamil Nadu to understand my concern about the future of your children... In Tamil Nadu, in the name of rave parties, drugs are distributed. It is worrying... If you strengthen

the BJP, action will be taken against Tamil Nadu's enemies. This is Modi's guarantee," he declared at a campaign in Chennai.

This guarantee could potentially see the NCB going after some top guns. With the arrest of Mr. Sadiq in Delhi last week, the NCB, an otherwise discreet agency, has been liberal in making information public. The agency has declared that he spearheaded a network, which sourced pseudoephedrine, a precursor chemical that is used in the manufacture of Methamphetamine, a dangerous and highly addictive synthetic drug, and trafficked it to Australia, New Zealand, and Malaysia in the guise of food grade cargo. It is believed that the drug syndicate has sent 45 consignments containing about 3,500 kg of pseudoephedrine over the past three years to various countries.

According to NCB Deputy Director General Gyaneshwar Singh, Mr. Sadiq revealed that the "ill-gotten money" was also used to fund a Tamil movie, *Mangai*, and to construct a hotel in Chennai. He stated that "evidence of some political funding has emerged". The agency is "following the drug money trail" and all those found to have violated the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, would be booked, he added.

Over the past two years, the Stalin government has responded to the Opposition's sustained campaign that drug supply is rampant in Tamil Nadu by launching periodic anti-drug drives. But in this case, the party's top leadership continues to maintain an uneasy silence, even as the Opposition has stepped up its attack.

The Leader of the Opposition and AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami submitted a memorandum to Governor R.N. Ravi, urging him to call for an independent enquiry considering the "closeness" of the accused with Mr. Stalin and the DGP.

The Governor chipped it saying, "Recent interdictions of sizeable quantities of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and apprehension of members of international drug cartels in Tamil Nadu and other places by Central agencies have confirmed our worst fears – the prevalence of drugs in our State."

The State Law Minister, S. Regupathy, charged the BJP government at the Centre of pressing the NCB into action "to defame and intimidate the DMK". He also accused Mr. Singh of interacting with the media before completing the investigation "only to provide political mileage for the BJP during the elections."

Given the complex nature of the case, it is difficult to take these various statements at face value. There is no doubt that drugs are available in Tamil Nadu, as in most parts of the country, and that the DMK leadership and the government have failed to check Mr. Sadiq's criminal antecedents before granting him a position in the DMK. Mr. Stalin needs to speak up on the issue. At the same time, the NCB must pursue this case on merit without displaying an overzealousness to paint Tamil Nadu as the drug capital.

India no longer has more losses than wins in Test cricket

Dominance at home since the 1990s and competitiveness in away games since the 2000s have helped

DATA POINT

Srinivasan Ramani & Vignesh Radhakrishnan

India beat England in Dharamshala in the final Test to win the five-match series 4-1. This cricket match marked several records. In particular, for the first time in Indian Test cricket history, the number of overall wins matched the number of losses. This mean that India's win-loss (wins divided by losses: W/L) ratio is now 1.

India is currently fifth among teams with a W/L ratio of 1 or more, with Australia's ratio of 1.78 leading all the teams while Pakistan's 1.04 is just above India's (**Table 1).** Only 12 teams have played international Test cricket.

Chart 2 shows the cumulative number of wins, losses, and draws (including ties, abandoned and cancelled Tests) for India over time since the team played its first Test in 1932. It shows that the number of losses and wins became equal in 2024. India now has 178 wins and losses each in 581 Tests.

In **Chart 3**, we use a method called rolling averages to analyse sets of 83 Tests at a time. We then calculate the average share of wins, losses, draws/ties for each set. For every new set, we move forward by 7 Tests to see how the averages change over time (83*7 = 581 Tests). The first data point on the chart is for Tests 1 to 83, the next is for Tests 8 to 90, and so on, ending with Tests 499 to 581.

For instance, in Tests 197 to 279 played by India between 1982 and 1993, the team won over 10% (lowest win % for any of the periods), lost close to 30%, and drew 60% of its games. Using this method we can also find out the period when India had more wins than losses and the tide began to turn.

Note how from Tests 309 to 391, played between 1997 and 2006, India's wins have always been more than the number of losses registered. This period marked the decisive break when India became a net winning Test team.

Table 4 lists out the home and away records for the pre-1990s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s and 2020s. India had a win/loss ratio of 0.9 at home prior to the 1990s but a poor away record – 13 wins and 54 losses in 118 games for a W/L ratio of 0.24.

But in the 1990s, a dramatic increase in home wins was observed, coinciding with the preparation of spin-friendly wickets during this period. India's home record in the 1990s shows 17 wins and 5 losses in 30 Tests for a Home-W/L of 3.4, even as India registered only one away win and 15 losses in 40 games for an Away-W/L of 0.07.

Since the 2000s, however, India has retained its home dominance. This peaked in the 2010s, when India's Home-W/L went up to 9.25 (37 wins and just four losses in 50 Tests).

Also in the 2000s, India had its best away record – 19 wins and 19 losses in 56 games for an Away-W/L of 1.0 and which reduced marginally in the 2010s and 2020s to 0.76 and 0.9, respectively, but was way above the 1990s and pre-1990s mark.

In sum, the Indian team became a formidable home team in the 1990s and also became quite competitive in away Tests since the 2000s. Thanks to an outstanding spin duo of Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh, India was near-invincible at home in the 1990s and the better part of the 2000s.

After Kumble and Singh retired, R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and others, besides an effective pace bowling attack, helped the Indian team scale new peaks at home in the 2010s and 2020s. A balanced bowling attack and a strong batting line-up helped the team weather challenges in away games in the 2000s, 2010s and 2020s and have kept it competitive.

With inputs from Kartikeya Date

India breaks even in Tests

The tables and charts are based on data collated from the ESPNcricinfo's Statsguru

Table 1 | Win-loss ratio of teams currenty in Test cricket. Only 12 teams have played international Test cricket

Team	Mat	Won	Lost	Tied	Draw	W/L
Australia	866	414	232	2	218	1.78
England	1071	392	324	0	355	1.21
South Africa	464	178	161	0	125	1.11
Pakistan	456	148	142	0	166	1.04
INDIA	**579**	**178**	**178**	**1**	**222**	**1.00**
West Indies	575	183	210	1	181	0.87
Sri Lanka	314	101	121	0	92	0.83
New Zealand	470	115	185	0	170	0.62
Afghanistan	9	3	6	0	0	0.50
Bangladesh	140	19	103	0	18	0.18
Zimbabwe	117	13	75	0	29	0.17
Ireland	8	1	7	0	0	0.14

Chart 2 | The cumulative number of wins, losses, and draws (including ties, abandoned and cancelled Tests) for India

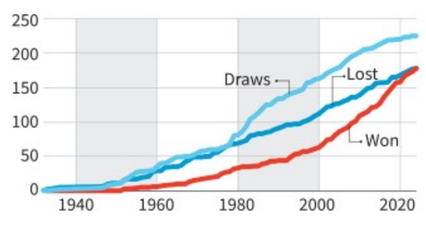
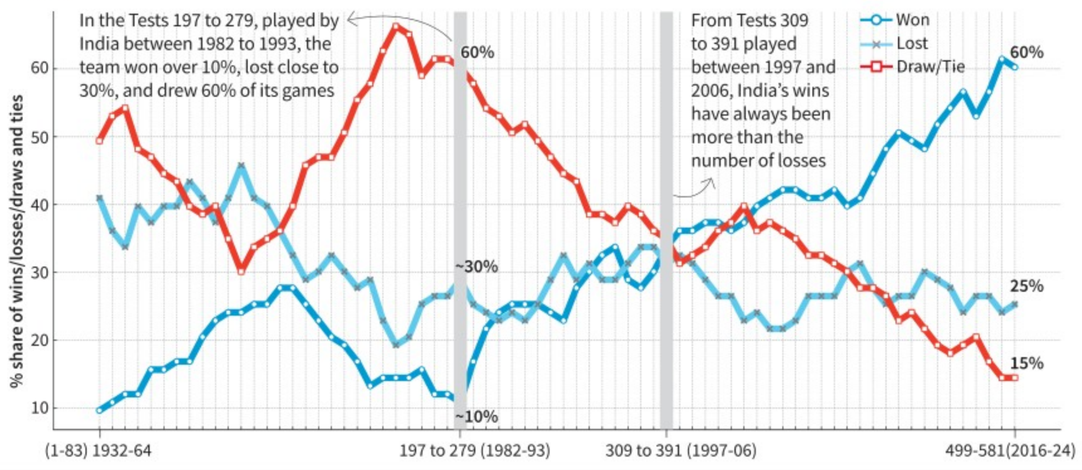


Table 4 Home and away records for the pre-1990s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s and 2020s

	Away			Home		
Period	Wins	Loss	W/L	Wins	Loss	W/L
Pre-90s	13	54	0.24	30	35	0.86
90s	1	15	0.07	17	5	3.40
2000s	19	19	1.00	21	8	2.63
2010s	19	25	0.76	37	4	9.25
2020s	9	10	0.90	12	3	4.00

Chart 3 | Rolling averages for 83 Tests at a time. The first data point is for Tests 1 to 83, the next is for Tests 8 to 90 and so on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% share of wins/losses/draws and ties
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~10%
60%
25%
15%
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197 to 279 (1982-93)
309 to 391 (1997-06)
499-581(2016-24)

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 12, 1974

World Bank view of India's foreign aid requirement

Washington, March 11: Some details are now available of the World Bank report prepared for the members of the Aid India Consortium, who will be meeting in Paris next month. The report has made the gloomy forecast that unless India is able to obtain $12 billions in foreign assistance, and import ten million tonnes of foodgrains in the next five-year period, serious economic consequences will follow.

The report differs from the Indian planners' calculation that India will need only $5 billions of outside assistance in the next five years, to tide over the crisis posed by a combined shortage of food, fertilizers and oil. "Food stocks in the public distribution system are negligible; current availabilities have been severely reduced, prices are rising sharply and active discontent is spreading," says the report, describing the food situation in India, three years after the country set out to be self-sufficient.

Referring to the effect of rising oil prices, the Bank report states that "the increase is so large and sudden that unless the assurance of obtaining additional financing is forthcoming soon, the Government will have to make immediate and downward adjustments in oil and other imports, which can only have a disruptive effect on growth. Any reduction in fertilizer availability, through lack of imports, would affect the country's ability to meet its food needs in the coming year. If the monsoon were to fail in 1974, there would be a famine of grave proportions."

To narrow the projected gap, the Bank economists, who had prepared the report, say that both Western and Eastern nations, as well as the oil producing countries, must make substantial amounts of foreign assistance available to India. It believes that the oil-producing States' share of the $12 billions aid India would need over the next five years, would come to $3 billions, contributed either directly or indirectly.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 12, 1924

Abolish polygamy

Constantinople, March 11: A meeting of Turkish women here today decided to appeal to the National Assembly to abolish polygamy.

From Page One

SC tells SBI to share poll bond details today

The Chief Justice said the SBI had in its own application said the information was easily accessible.

Chief Justice Chandrachud said contributors, whether they had SBI accounts or not, at the time of purchase of an electoral bond, had to submit to the bank their bond applications, Know Your Customer documentation and proof of payment through NEFT, cheque or demand draft. Similarly, political parties, in order to redeem a bond, had to open current accounts in any of the authorised branches in Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai or New Delhi. "There is no dispute that the process was followed by the bank. So, the information is available," the court noted.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna asked whether the bank wanted a specific judicial order to open the sealed covers containing the bonds' details right here in the courtroom.

"Comply with what is in black and white in the judgment," Justice B.R. Gavai, on the Bench, addressed Mr. Salve.

Chief Justice Chandrachud pointed out that the SBI had not even bothered to mention what it had been doing for the past 26 days since the February 15 judgment.

Govt. notifies CAA Rules ahead of LS elections

The applicants will have to produce an "eligibility certificate" issued by a "locally reputed community institution" confirming that he/she belongs to "Hindu/ Sikh/ Buddhist/ Jain/ Parsi/Christian community and continues to be a member of the above-mentioned community."

The plea for citizenship will be online and an empowered committee, through a district-level committee, will scrutinise all applications. It will be headed by the Director (Census Operations) in each State, and will include officers from the Intelligence Bureau, Post Master General, State or National Informatics Centre and a representative each from the Department of Home and Divisional Railway Manager will be the invitees.

The district-level committee will be headed by the Senior Superintendent or Superintendent of Post. The applicants are also required to provide evidence of the date of birth of the parents such as a copy of the passport or birth certificate. The applicants will have to register on the portal *https://indiancitizenshiponline.nic.in* and a mobile application CAA-2019 has also been readied. All documents along with photographs are to be uploaded online and the applications will be processed after a background check by security agencies.

Test flight of Agni-5 with MIRV successful

Noting that with this test India has joined the select group of nations who have MIRV capability, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh too joined the PM in congratulating team DRDO. The DRDO, in a statement, said, "Various telemetry and radar stations tracked and monitored multiple re-entry vehicles. The mission accomplished the designed parameters." "This system is equipped with indigenous avionics systems and high-accuracy sensor packages, which ensured that the re-entry vehicles reached the target points within the desired accuracy. The capability is an enunciator of India's growing technological prowess," sources said. "The project director is a woman and has significant women contribution."

The maiden flight test of Agni-V, India's longest-range ballistic missile with a "range of more than 5000 kms", was conducted in 2012 and has since been tested multiple times. It has also been canistered, which improves ease of handling and operation. Agni-V uses a three-stage solid-fuelled engine and is capable of striking targets at ranges of over 5,000 km and can reach most parts of China.

SC stays conviction of T.N. former Minister

The High Court had reversed the trial court's decision to acquit them in April 2016.

The case relates to the charge that Mr. Ponmudy and his wife had amassed wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income when he held the portfolio of higher education and mines in the DMK regime between 2006 and 2011. The Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption registered the case after the AIADMK came to power in May 2011.

The petitioners argued that the High Court had wrongly overturned the acquittal by the trial court. They had submitted that the High Court erred in clubbing the assets of Mr. Ponmudy and his wife to determine the "property disproportionate".

"It is *prima facie* apparent that his wife, who is not a public servant, is well-qualified, is a separate entity/individual who holds several assets and is running companies having separate sources of income even prior to the check period," their petition argued. The petition had said it was not "legally permissible to club the income of a public servant with the income of the spouse who is holding agricultural land measuring 26 acres and business with several crores of rupees' turnover".

SC bats for judicial oversight in Central-State agencies' tiff

Court says there should be fair and transparent mechanism to take a probe to logical conclusion, asks which agency would investigate if a Central employee commits offence in the course of duty

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The SC had earlier stayed criminal proceedings initiated by Tamil Nadu's anti-corruption agency against Ankit Tiwari. G. KARTHIKEYAN

The Supreme Court on Monday suggested judicial oversight over the crossfire of criminal cases filed between Central agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the police in non-BJP-ruled States to protect innocents from vexatious prosecution and prevent the corrupt from taking advantage.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and K.V. Viswanathan was hearing a petition filed by the ED against the criminal prosecution launched by the Tamil Nadu Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) against its officer Ankit Tiwari for bribery.

"In cases in which both sides are making allegations, care should be taken against corrupt officers taking advantage. Law must take its own course. There should be a fair and transparent mechanism to take the investigation to its logical conclusion," Justice Kant said.

Justice Viswanathan highlighted a situation in which Central agencies book State officers and States in turn prosecute Central officers for offences allegedly committed by them in the course of their official duties within the territorial jurisdiction of the State concerned.

"Can a judicial oversight be adopted before coercive steps are taken with regard to these employees? When the nature of the offence is directly relatable to the official responsibilities of the delinquent official..." Justice Viswanathan asked.

The Bench asked who was entitled to investigate Central officers who commit offences in grave misuse of their official duties.

"Will the offence committed by a Central government employee by misusing his official capacity be investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation or by the State in whose jurisdiction the alleged offence happened?" Justice Viswanathan questioned.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Tamil Nadu, said "history" shows that States could prosecute Central officials in such cases.

"How is it possible that States cannot prosecute just because the official concerned is a Central government employee? Will the Central employee get immunity?" he asked.

The ED had appealed to the top court seeking transfer of the case against Mr. Tiwari to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju said the State, using the case against Mr. Tiwari as a ruse, was "ransacking" ED offices and taking away documents crucial to an ongoing high-profile investigation into illegal sand mining.

"Our investigation in that case [sand mining] involves several high-ranking Ministers," Mr. Raju submitted.

Mr. Sibal said the ED's actions against its officers, including the summoning of five District Collectors in the sand mining case, was leading to "policy paralysis" in the State.

Listing the case for March 20, the top court directed the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court to decide Mr. Tiwari's application for default bail in the bribery case.

The Supreme Court had earlier stayed the criminal proceedings initiated by the Tamil Nadu DVAC against Mr. Tiwari.

Tamil Nadu has alleged that Mr. Tiwari took a bribe of ₹20 lakh from a doctor in Dindigul district.

ASI told to conduct scientific survey of Bhojshala complex

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

A similar writ petition was dismissed by the Madhya Pradesh High Court in 2003.

The Indore Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on Monday directed the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to conduct a scientific survey of the Bhojshala Temple-Kamal Maula Mosque complex in Dhar district. The court said a study was necessary to "demystify" the nature of the complex. The site is an ASI-protected 11th-century monument. Under an agreement with the ASI, puja is performed in the temple on Tuesday and namaz offered on Friday.

A Bench of Justices S.A. Dharmadhikari and Devnarayan Mishra gave the directions while hearing a writ petition demanding that the Bhojshala complex be handed over to the Hindus and Muslims be stopped from offering namaz on the premises. The Bench observed that "till and until the character or nature of the place of worship or shrine is not determined, decided or ascertained, the purpose of the temple is bound to be enveloped in mystery".

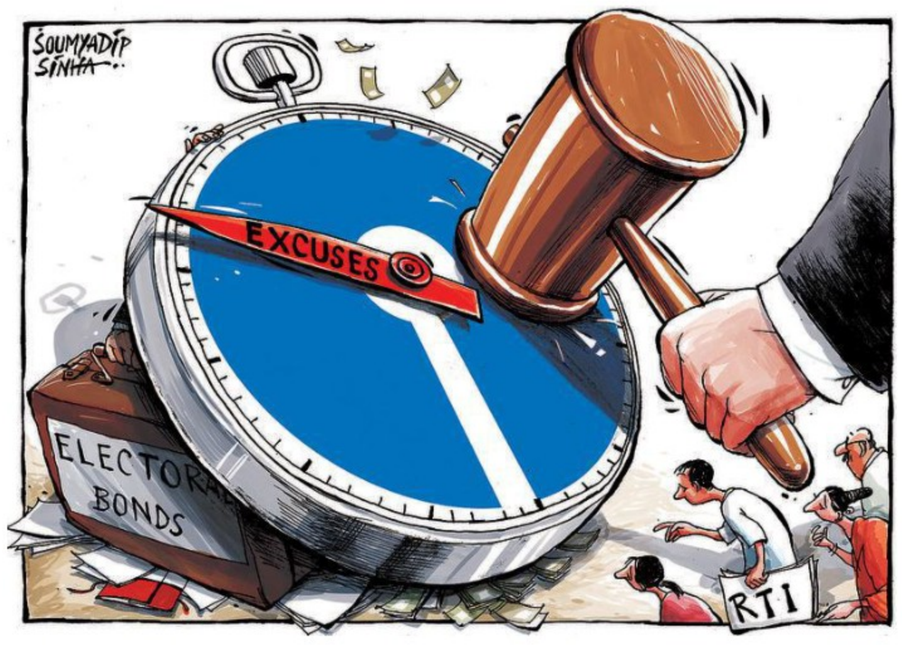
"The detailed arguments at the Bar by all the contesting parties fortify the court's belief and assumption that the nature and character of the whole monument... needs to be demystified and freed from the shackles of confusion," the court observed.

'Complete probe'

The court ordered the ASI to "do complete scientific investigation, survey, and excavation, through latest methods like GPR-GPS, carbon dating, etc".

Maulana Kamaluddin, one of the respondents, has challenged the maintainability of the suit citing the principle of *res judiciata* (that a judged matter may not be re-litigated). He pointed out that a similar writ petition was dismissed by the High Court's Principal Bench two decades ago in 2003. The court said that once a survey is conducted scientifically, it can safely rely on the report.

On the draw



Data on poll bonds can give crucial information: activists

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Though the data on electoral bonds to be submitted by the State Bank of India (SBI) to the Election Commission by Tuesday will not "match" donors and recipients, petitioners and activists are enthused.

They feel the data on who purchased a particular bond at what point of time can be collated with other data available in the public domain to draw "supporting conclusions".

"There are enough data scientists in India who can draw supporting conclusions from these details," Sanjay Hegde, who appeared for an intervener in the case, told *The Hindu*.

"Who purchased what bond at what point of time can be collated with other data which is available in public domain like whether the donor received any favour, if the donor is a subsidiary or a 'shell' company controlled by an industrial house which benefited", he added.

The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), the chief petitioner in the case, said the information that can be deduced would depend on the data being revealed. "As soon we see the data, we promise we will do an analysis," Trilochan Shastry, chairperson of ADR, said.

Jagdeep Chhokar, founder-member of the ADR, said there will be two data sets regarding the details of the buyers and the parties who encashed the electoral bonds. "The important point to note here is that the scheme says that there cannot be a gap of more than 15 days between the buying and encashing of a bond."

'SC order will expose nexus between BJP and crony capitalists'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Welcoming the Supreme Court's directive to the State Bank of India (SBI) to furnish the data regarding electoral bonds within 24 hours, Opposition parties on Monday claimed that the move is the first step towards exposing the nexus between "crony capitalists and the BJP".

"With the Supreme Court's decision, the country will soon come to know who donated to the BJP through electoral bonds. This is the first step in exposing the corruption, scams and transactions of the [Narendra] Modi government," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post on X. "Even now, the country will not find out the specific contracts that capitalist donors of the BJP got out of the Modi government in exchange of donations and the Supreme Court should give appropriate directions for that too," he added.

Mr. Kharge said media reports suggested how the BJP used to "extort donations" by conducting Income Tax, ED and CBI raids and asserted that the Supreme Court's decision is "a victory for transparency, accountability, and a level playing field in democracy".

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi claimed that the government, which came to power on the promise of bringing black money back from Swiss banks in 100 days, "stood on its head in the Supreme Court to hide the data of its own bank".

"Electoral Bonds will prove to be the biggest scam in Indian history and will reveal the real face of Narendra Modi in front of the country by exposing the nexus between corrupt industrialists and the government," Mr. Gandhi said in a post on X.

Lauding the top court, Communist Party of India (Marxist) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said, "This is in the interest of transparency of political funding in the country, particularly electoral funding..." Calling the court order a "tight slap" on the SBI for defying its earlier order, former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said, "This was a self-inflicted stain. The order of the Supreme Court today gives an opportunity to SBI to wipe the stain and redeem itself. I am sorry for the Chairman of SBI and the fine band of officers that they placed themselves in this situation."

Congress leader K.C. Venugopal hailed the SC for coming to the aid of Indian democracy.

HC refuses to stop Centre from forming fact-check unit

Purnima Sah
MUMBAI/DELHI

The Bombay High Court on Monday refused to issue an interim stay on the formation of a fact-check unit (FCU) by the Centre.

Justice A.S. Chandurkar said "no case was made out" for the Union government to continue its position that "it would not notify the FCU pending hearing of petitions" against the IT Rules.

The interim application was filed by satirist Kunal Kamra, the Editors Guild of India, the Association of Indian Magazines and News Broadcast and Digital Association, seeking a stay on the notification for formation of the FCU.

"It is clarified that this opinion is only on a prima facie consideration of the issues that arise and have been made in context of the prayers of the interim application. The interim applications should now be placed before the referral bench for appropriate orders," said Justice Chandurkar.

Asked if the government would now notify the FCU ahead of the general election, Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw was non-committal, saying, "*Karenge, karenge* [will do], I'll check."

Liberal democracy has declined significantly in India: report

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India, which was downgraded to the status of an "electoral autocracy" in 2018, has declined even further on multiple metrics to emerge as "one of the worst autocratisers", according to the "Democracy Report 2024" released by the Gothenburg-based V-Dem Institute.

The report categorises countries into four regime types based on their score in the Liberal Democratic Index (LDI): Liberal Democracy, Electoral Democracy, Electoral Autocracy, and Closed Autocracy. "India, with 18% of the world's population, accounts for about half of the population living in autocratising countries," the report said.

Noting that almost all components of democracy were getting worse in more countries than they were getting better, the report singled out freedom of expression, clean elections,

The report details how BJP used various laws to silence critics. REUTERS

and freedom of association/civil society as the three worst affected components of democracy in autocratising countries.

South and Central Asia regressed significantly, with the level of "liberal democracy" enjoyed by the average Indian now "down to levels last seen in 1975...when Indira Gandhi declared a state of emergency in India". As per the V-Dem classification, a liberal democracy is one where, in addition to the requirements of electoral democracy such as regular free and fair elections, mechanisms for judicial independence and constraints on executive overreach are robust, alongside rigorous protection of civil liberties and equality before law.

"The Modi-led government also continues to suppress the freedom of religion rights. Intimidation of political opponents and people protesting government policies, and silencing of dissent in academia are now prevalent," the report noted.

With regard to India, the report said that a third consecutive term for the BJP and Mr. Modi "could lead to further autocratisation given the already substantial democratic decline under Modi's leadership and the enduring crackdown on minority rights and civil society".

V-Dem's Democracy Report is a collaborative project involving 4,200 scholars from 180 countries, and is based on 31 million datasets that cover 202 countries from 1789 to 2023.

Divisive step ahead of LS election, say Opposition parties

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress sees it as another attempt to 'manage headlines' after SC's strictures on electoral bonds

The Opposition parties questioned the timing of notification of rules for the Citizenship Amendment Act just ahead of the election, and called it a divisive step aimed at diverting attention from the controversy over electoral bonds.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh pointed out that it had taken the government four years and three months to bring the rules of an Act that was passed by Parliament in December 2019.

"The Prime Minister claims that his government works in a business-like and time-bound manner. The time taken to notify the rules for the CAA is yet another demonstration of the Prime Minister's blatant lies," he said.

He also alleged that the announcement was yet another attempt to "manage the headlines" after the Supreme Court's strictures on the electoral bonds issue. "After seeking nine extensions for notification of the rules, the timing right before the elections is evidently designed to polarise the election, especially in West Bengal and Assam," he said.

With the CAA rules being issued, the government will now start granting Indian citizenship to persecuted non-Muslim migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan, who came to India till December 31, 2014.

'Politics of distraction'

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav used the opportunity to attack the BJP citing the high rate of emigration in their 10-year rule. "When the citizens of the country are forced to go out for livelihood, then what will happen by bringing 'citizenship law' for others? The public has now understood the BJP's game of politics of distraction," he posted on X.

Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati too took to social media to question the utility of the CAA. "Instead of implementing the law before the election, it would have been better to implement it only after clearing doubts, confusion and addressing the fear about the law," she said.

Protests lined up in NE after CAA rules notified

Organisations representing indigenous communities call for united fight against Act; Congress-led Opposition alliance of 16 political parties announces a non-cooperation movement from today

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

The notification of rules for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act of 2019 has sparked protests in Assam and elsewhere in the Northeast.

Members of organisations representing indigenous communities burnt copies of the CAA notification in some parts of Assam on Monday evening as the police sounded a high alert across the State and put barricades in place to offset a rerun of the violent anti-CAA protests in 2019 that left five persons, including a minor, dead.

Led by the All Assam Students' Union (AASU), 30 organisations have appealed to people to put up a united fight against the controversial Act while the Congress-led Opposition alliance of 16 political parties announced a Statewide 'hartal' or non-cooperation movement from Tuesday.

The political parties and NGOs have refrained from calling a bandh given the Gauhati High Court's 2019 order that makes losses incurred due to shutdowns and damage to public property recoverable from people behind such stirs.

Mass opposition: Activists of the All Assam Students' Union staging a protest against the CAA in Guwahati on Monday. AFP

"Riding its numerical strength in Parliament, the government headed by the dictatorial BJP has imposed the CAA on us. This Act will bring doom for the indigenous people of Assam and the rest of the northeast," AASU president Utpal Sarma said.

"The CAA, which threatens the language, culture, and existence of the Assamese people, cannot be accepted at any cost," he said.

The Asom Jatiyatabadi Yuva Chhatra Parishad condemned the Centre's decision and threatened to intensify the agitation. "We will intensify our protests from Tuesday by burning the effigies of the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister. We cannot allow the Hindu Bangladeshis to be dumped on us," the organisation's leader, Palash Changmai said.

Activist-turned-MLA Akhil Gogoi, who spent months in jail on charges of instigating the 2019 anti-CAA violence, said the CAA was an assault on the Assamese community. "The BJP is attacking Assam via this Act like the Mughals did. I appeal to the people to come together to protest against the implementation of the CAA peacefully and democratically," he said.

Senior Congress leader Debabrata Saikia pointed out that the CAA, paving the way for faster citizenship for non-Muslims who came from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Pakistan till December 31, 2014, was a mockery of the Assam Accord of 1985 prescribing March 24, 1971, as the cut-off date for accepting those who entered Assam illegally.

"The people to be granted citizenship by the CAA can stay in Assam, buy land and property, and enjoy all facilities. [Narendra] Modi*ji* had ahead of the 2014 [Lok Sabha] election said all illegal immigrants would be driven out of the country if he became the Prime Minister. After 10 years, he is now allowing the same set of people to come to Assam and become citizens," he said.

Protests have also been lined up in the other northeastern States, specifically Meghalaya and Tripura, by the North East Students' Organisation.

Matuas celebrate in West Bengal; Mamata questions timing

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

There were celebrations among a section of the Matua community in West Bengal when the Union government notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2024, on Monday even as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee warned of fierce opposition if the rules are found to be discriminatory against groups of people living in India.

There were celebrations at Thakurbari, the headquarters of All India Matua Mahasangha, at Thakurnagar in North 24 Parganas.

Many in the Matua sect – a community comprising Hindu Namasudras – had migrated from Bangladesh (earlier East Pakistan). They had been demanding that the rules on the Citizenship (Amendment) Act passed in 2019 be framed at the earliest.

The new rules allow any person eligible under CAA-2019 to apply for Indian citizenship. As per the new rules, those eligible can file applications under Section 6B of the CAA-2019 through an online portal.

The CAA passed in 2019 grants citizenship to persecuted non-Muslim migrants from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, who entered India on or before December 31, 2014.

The notification by the Centre also comes on March 11, which is the birth anniversary of Harichand Thakur, one of the founders of the Matua sect who was born in 1812 at Orakandi, now in Bangladesh.

'BJP kept a promise'

Welcoming the development, BJP State president Sukanata Majumdar said none had a problem with the rules except Ms. Banerjee who had lost her sleep over the development. "Union Home Minister Amit Shah had already said that we will put forward the rules and regulations of the CAA before the Lok Sabha election and we do whatever we say," he said.

The Chief Minister, who spoke hours before the rules were made public, questioned the timing of the notification ahead of the Lok Sabha poll. "Why do this only days before the Lok Sabha poll is scheduled to be announced? Why did the Centre have to wait for four years to notify the law after it was passed in Parliament?," she asked. She went on to emphasise that she will not allow "any detention camps or NRC (National Register of Citizens)" in the State.

Kharge urges Modi to break silence on BJP MP's remarks

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Stepping up his attack on BJP MP Anantkumar Hegde's statement that the BJP needed more than 400 Lok Sabha seats to change the Constitution, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to break his "silence" on the issue and dared him to expel Mr. Hegde.

The Congress chief cautioned the BJP that any attempt to "change or rewrite the Constitution would cause an upheaval".

The party will start a nationwide campaign from Tuesday to highlight the BJP's bias against secularism and social justice to the poor and oppressed classes, as enshrined in the Constitution.

"Why is Prime Minister Modi keeping silent on the issue. Several leaders have made such remarks in the past and this is not the first time that a BJP or RSS leader has talked about amending the Constitution. Why should the Prime Minister allow BJP leaders to speak like this. He should clarify," Mr. Kharge said at a press conference, flanked by senior leaders Jairam Ramesh and Mukul Wasnik.

Mallikarjun Kharge

"If he [the PM] has the courage he should speak out against those who make such remarks. They [the BJP] are against social justice and secularism enshrined in the Constitution. This will create upheaval in the country if you want to change the Constitution," the Congress chief added.

Asked what kind of upheaval, Mr. Kharge said the poor would not remain calm if social justice was denied to them. "If the BJP continues to speak with such mindset, the people are watching them, their remarks, views, and sentiments and will decide accordingly in 2024 elections," he added.

Two ideologies

Former party chief Rahul Gandhi said the Prime Minister's silence on the BJP MP's statement of "changing the Constitution is dangerous".

"The electoral contest now is between two ideologies! Constitution or unconstitution, social justice or exploitation, secularism or communalism, civil rights or helpless people just order or dictatorial injustice. Changing the Constitution, India's most precious heritage obtained from the struggle for Independence, means pushing the country towards slavery," Mr. Gandhi said on X.

Sons of Kamal Nath, and Ashok Gehlot to contest LS election

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha member from Chhindwara, Nakul Nath, son of former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath, is among the Lok Sabha candidates whose names were cleared by the Central Election Committee (CEC) of the Congress on Monday.

The CEC is said to have discussed around 63 seats across several States, including Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and Rajasthan and cleared about 40 names. The meeting of the poll panel, presided by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, was attended by Sonia Gandhi, K.C. Venugopal, T.S. Singh Deo, and others. The next meeting of the CEC is on March 15.

There is no official word from the party, but sources told *The Hindu* that former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's son, Vaibhav Gehlot, has been cleared for the Jalore Lok Sabha constituency.

Their inclusions are significant as former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, after the 2019 Lok Sabha poll debacle, had blamed the senior leaders for focusing on the constituencies of their sons instead of looking to win their respective States. During the 2019 Lok Sabha poll, both Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan had Congress governments.

While Nath junior won the Chhindwara seat in 2019, Gehlot junior lost from Jodhpur.

The CEC also discussed all 14 Lok Sabha seats from Assam. Some of the senior leaders, including party Deputy Leader in the Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi, could be looking to contest from a new seat because of delimitation in Assam that resulted in redrawing the boundaries of their existing seats.

Trinamool's choice of Pathan stumps Congress, Left parties

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The Trinamool Congress has stunned everyone by placing its bets on former Indian cricketer Yusuf Pathan to defeat West Bengal Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury in Baharampur Lok Sabha constituency. Mr. Chowdhury has won the seat five times in a row since 1999.

The Trinamool has never won the seat, which in the past seven decades has been dominated by either the Congress or the Revolutionary Socialist Party. The only solace it has is that Mr. Chowdhury's vote share has dipped over 11% since the 2009 Lok Sabha election. Trinamool candidates came second in the 2014 and 2019 elections.

With Mr. Pathan in the race, the Trinamool believes it has a double advantage. First, the cricketer's star quality will bring in the crowds and second, as an "outsider", he is better placed to rally the multiple groups of "Chowdhury baiters".

Mamata Banerjee with Yusuf Pathan in Kolkata.

"You always need a disruptor to dislodge an entrenched candidate. And as far we see it, Mr. Pathan is just that," a senior Trinamool leader said.

"Till now, all Mr. Chowdhury's challengers have been from the Baharampur backyard. And there are several groups of baiters who want to contest against Mr. Chowdhury. As an outsider, it will be easier for Mr. Pathan to rally all these different groups together as opposed to a leader of one particular group," the Trinamool leader said. The constituency has 52% Muslim voters and the party believes Mr. Pathan will help in dividing them. Mr. Pathan's only connection to West Bengal is that he has played for the IPL team Kolkata Knight Riders for seven years.

Both the Congress and the Left claim that by fielding him, the Trinamool has already conceded defeat. "Baharampur is largely a rural population. How will Mr. Pathan speak to the voters when he does not speak Bangla? Secondly, it runs against the Trinamool's own narrative of framing the BJP as outsiders," a senior Left leader said.

A senior Congress leader said, "We thought that since the Trinamool is going hammer and tongs against Mr. Chowdhury, they would put up a strong candidate against him. This is as good as giving him a walkover."

HC to hear Cong. plea in tax recovery case today

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday posted for hearing on Tuesday a petition by the Congress party challenging an order by the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) refusing to grant stay on a notice issued by the tax department for recovery of outstanding tax of more than ₹105 crore.

In the morning, the matter was mentioned by senior advocate Vivek Tankha before a Bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela. Mr. Tankha argued it was an urgent matter as the accounts of the political party have been frozen.

Ensure level playing field in LS election, CEC tells observers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the run-up to the Lok Sabha election, Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Monday directed more than 2,100 poll observers, who would be deployed across the country, to ensure a level playing field. The observers include senior officers drawn from the IAS, the IPS, the IRS, and a few other Central services.

The observers are tasked with ensuring a free and fair electoral process. The Election Commission has deployed 900 general observers, 450 police observers, and 800 expenditure observers.

Addressing the observers at a meeting here, the CEC said the polls should be free of intimidation and inducement. He asked the observers to ensure that they limit themselves within the boundaries of the Lok Sabha constituency that they are allotted during the entire electoral process. A GPS tracking device has been proposed to be fitted in their vehicles, the EC said in a statement.

The observers must be available on mobile phone and email and respond to the calls of candidates, parties, voters, and polling personnel. "Any complaints in this regard shall be viewed seriously by the commission," it said.

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INBRIEF

Bailable warrant against BJP MP in Malegaon blast case

A special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court on Monday issued a bailable warrant against BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur, the prime accused in the 2008 Malegaon blast case. The warrant was issued against Ms. Thakur for not appearing before the court during the trial despite repeated warnings. Special judge A.K. Lahoti passed the order and rejected her application seeking exemption from appearance on the grounds of illness. The court issued a warrant of ₹10,000 and directed Ms. Thakur to pay the amount before March 20 to cancel the same. The probe agency has been asked to file a report by March 20.

DD National to telecast *aarti* from Ram Temple every day

DD National will be broadcasting live the *aarti* ceremony from the Ram Temple in Ayodhya at 6.30 a.m every day, the public broadcaster said on Monday. "Now, every day will be the divine darshan of Lord Shri Ramlala! watch live broadcast of daily Aarti from Shri Ramlala Temple in Ayodhya, daily at 6:30 am only on #DDNational," it said in post on X. " Now that the approval has been given, all those devotees who are unable to visit Ayodhya due to various reasons can have the auspicious sight of Lord Ram through DD National," said an official.

China registers protest against PM's visit to Arunachal Pradesh

Beijing criticises Sela Tunnel and other development projects inaugurated by Modi in the northeastern State recently; the sharp statement follows reports on plans by New Delhi to increase number of troops deployed at the Line of Actual Control

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

China on Monday said it "strongly deplores" Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Arunachal Pradesh and had raised concerns with India, a sharp statement that is expected to be rebutted by New Delhi.

The Chinese response was to a question from state media about the visit on March 9 by Mr. Modi, when he inaugurated a number of development projects, including the Sela Tunnel, an-all weather strategic link for Tawang and Kameng districts, near the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Built at a height of 13,000 feet, the 1.5-km Sela Tunnel is expected to aid development in border villages and allow for quicker military troops and hardware deployment at the boundary with China, amid continuing tensions and the four-year stand-off with the Chinese PLA.

Asked about the visit, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said that Beijing had made "solemn representations" to New Delhi about the Prime Minister's travel, making a claim over Arunachal Pradesh that India has consistently rejected.

Raising concerns: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates and lays the foundation stone for various development projects at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh on March 9. ANI

'Disrupts situation'

"India's relevant moves only complicate the boundary question and disrupt the situation in the border areas between the two countries," Chinese MFA spokesperson Wang Wenbin said at a briefing in Beijing, referring to Arunachal Pradesh, which the Chinese call "Zangnan", as Chinese territory. India, which has full control of the State, has always asserted the whole of Arunachal Pradesh as India's sovereign territory. "China strongly deplores and firmly opposes the Indian leader's visit to the east section of the China-India boundary," Mr. Wang added.

Referring to the China-India border dispute, where India and China's special representatives have not met since the LAC stand-off began in April 2020, Mr. Wang said that it was "yet to be solved".

"India has no right to arbitrarily develop the area of Zangnan in China," he claimed, in the strongest such statement on a visit by the Prime Minister, although China has protested against visits to Arunachal Pradesh by high-level dignitaries in the past as well.

The External Affairs Ministry did not immediately respond to the statement, which comes soon after another exchange over reports that India plans to increase troop levels at the LAC by freeing up about 10,000 soldiers for deployment. Reacting to a report by news agency Bloomberg, which was not formally confirmed by the Defence Ministry, the Chinese MFA had said that sending more troops would not "help ease the situation" in the border areas or in "safeguarding tranquillity and safety". On Thursday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed a conference, saying that the Indian Army was equipped to give a "befitting reply" to anyone who "casts an evil eye" on the country's borders.

Since the stand-off began in 2020, India and China have held 21 rounds of senior military commander talks on the LAC, and several rounds of talks of the multi-ministerial Working Mechanism on Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on border affairs, and negotiated a détente on five of seven friction points along the boundary in Ladakh.

Centre signs ₹200-cr. pact for anti-drone systems

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Defence Ministry has signed a ₹200-crore contract for anti-drone systems for the Army and the Air Force with Big Bang Boom Solutions Private Ltd. (BBBS).

This is the largest contract signed by the Ministry under the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative, according to the company.

"The focus of the iDEX programme is to foster an ecosystem of innovation and technology development in defence," Vivek Virmani, CEO of iDex, which comes under the Ministry, said.

In a statement, the company said the system uses passive radio frequency sensor technology to eliminate false alarms.

The system's core sensor, built around artificial intelligence and computer vision algorithms, enables precise identification, classification and location identification of drones, the company said, adding that its sophisticated decision-making matrix enables autonomous decision-making for countermeasures like signal jamming.

SC panel cites 'worrying' happenings in Manipur

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Security personnel fire tear gas shells as local residents protest in Imphal amid ethnic violence in the northeastern State. FILE PHOTO

The Supreme Court on Monday asked Attorney-General R. Venkataramani to take instructions from the government on a report submitted by the court-appointed Justice Gita Mittal committee highlighting recent "worrying" happenings in Manipur, which had been rocked by violence in May 2023.

The committee was formed to oversee relief activities in the strife-hit State.

In a separate order, a three-judge Bench, headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, also sought status reports from the Manipur government, the CBI, and the National Investigation Agency with respect to their investigations of cases connected to the violence of last year.

"We want to know how many cases are ripe for trial," Chief Justice Chandrachud said.

The Bench said it had received a communication from the Special Judge in charge of the CBI and NIA cases in Assam, who was nominated by the Gauhati High Court to conduct all proceedings in connection with the probe of the cases relating to the Manipur violence, asking whether the trial in the cases should also be conducted in Assam.

On August 25 last year, the Supreme Court had ordered the court proceedings related to the probe of some of the Manipur violence cases be shifted to Assam.

During the hearing, senior advocate Vibha Makhija, representing the Justice Mittal committee, highlighted contents in the report about "all relief activities having stopped", "protests becoming armed protests", "Deputy Commissioner's office burnt down along with relief materials", and sightings of "worrying public notices".

Mr. Venkataramani said some cases related to incidents of violence had been handed over to the CBI.

ED attaches ₹10.29 cr. of Trinamool's funds in 'cheating' case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday said it had provisionally attached ₹10.29 crore of the Trinamool Congress in the form of a demand draft in the alleged money laundering case involving Alchemist Group and others.

Paid to aviation firms

The Central agency alleged that a part of the funds raised through cheating had been used by Alchemist Group for making payments to aviation companies on behalf of the Trinamool.

"The ED investigation also revealed that an amount of ₹10.29 crore was paid by Alchemist Airways Private Ltd. to various aviation/helicopter companies for the aviation services availed by All India Trinamool Congress (AITC)...during the campaigning for 2014 Lok Sabha election for its star campaigners like Mamata Banerjee, CM of West Bengal; Mukul Roy, ex-Union Railway Minister; Moon Moon Sen; and Nusrat Jahan, MP," it said.

Based on its findings, the ED's Delhi zonal office attached the amount in the form of "demand draft tendered by it [the party] during the investigation into the offence of money laundering by Alchemist Group and others".

Stating that Alchemist Group was headed by Kanwar Deep Singh, a former Rajya Sabha member of the Trinamool, the agency said it had initiated the probe based on the first information reports (FIRs) registered by the Lucknow unit of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), and the police of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal against various individuals and companies of the group.

Attack on ED officials: CBI arrests 3 aides of Shahjahan

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The CBI on Monday arrested three associates of suspended Trinamool Congress leader Sheikh Shahjahan in connection with the attack on Enforcement Directorate (ED) officers on January 5. The accused were identified as Jaiuddin Molla, the pradhan of the Sarberia gram panchayat, Faruk Akunji, and Didar Baksh Molla. The CBI had earlier arrested another person in the case. The accused would be produced before a court on Tuesday.

After the Calcutta High Court handed over the investigation to the CBI on March 6, the agency conducted searches in the Sandeshkhali area where the alleged attack took place. On Monday the accused were called for questioning at the CBI office in Kolkata and taken into custody.

SC dismisses Bengal's plea against HC order in ED attack case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The top court says certain remarks made by HC against State govt. and police must be expunged

The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a petition filed by West Bengal challenging a Calcutta High Court order transferring to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) the probe into an attack on a team of Enforcement Directorate (ED) officers at Sandeshkhali on January 5.

A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and Sandeep Mehta, however, ordered expunging certain remarks and observations made against the State government and the police in the March 5 order of the High Court.

The Bench quizzed West Bengal, represented by senior advocates A.M. Singhvi and Jaideep Gupta, as to why suspended Trinamool Congress leader Sheikh Shahjahan was not promptly arrested after the January 5 attack.

"There was a stay on investigation. We went back to court asking for a clarification. It was clarified. Within one day, he was arrested... To say that the State Police is delaying the investigation is not borne out at all from the material," Mr. Gupta submitted.

Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju, for the ED, said the probe by the police was a farce. "They tried to water down the case, insofar as the assault of the Enforcement Directorate officers is concerned. They filed some other case. That is why the investigation was stayed. Advocate-General then agreed to add Section 307 (attempt to murder) of the IPC," Mr. Raju said.

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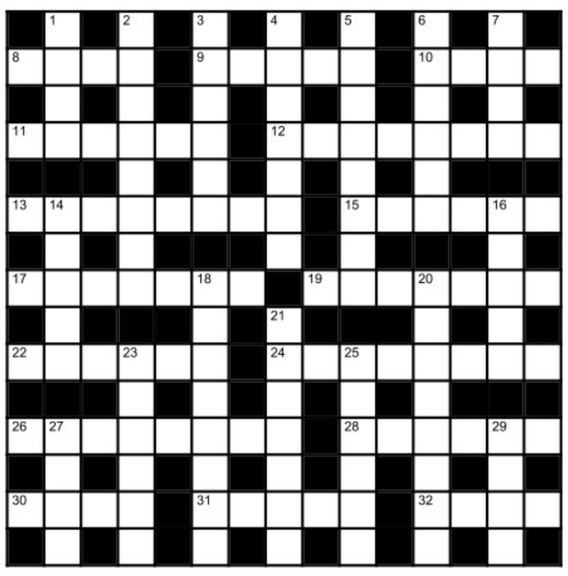

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28 Type of bone with facility beginning to shift? Ribs! (6)
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31 Organ for one who continues to defy death? (5)
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1 Animal cut out from pasteboard (4)
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3 Blood covering it results in disease (6)
4 Supporter of Russian monarchy having extraordinary traits captures Soviet leader (7)
5 Abnormally constricted office worker gets spasm (8)
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7 Graduate rejected United Kingdom's capital (4)
14 What one may wear when it is hot in the outskirts of Delhi? (5)
16 Bird that landed on the moon? (5)
18 Rocky turntables wobble in absence of right thickness, for starters (8)
20 Cannot travel across America? Useless! (8)
21 Young lady, I have a letter (7)
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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Ramzan, a call to devotion

Ramzan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting. The spiritual significance of Ramzan lies in its focus on self-discipline, personal growth and increased devotion to God, said Syed Meeran in a lecture.

Through acts of worship, charity and self-control, Muslims strive to grow closer to Allah, purify their hearts, and become more compassionate and mindful individuals. Adult Muslims, with exceptions for those who are ill, travelling, pregnant women, lactating mothers, are required to abstain from food, drink and other physical needs, from *fajr* (dawn) to *maghrib* (sunset) each day throughout the month.

The Holy Koran says (2:183), "O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those who before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint." It also says, (2:185) "Ramzan is the (month) in which was sent down the Koran as a guide to mankind, also (with) clear (signs) for guidance and judgment (between right and wrong). Therefore, every one of you who is present (at home) during that month should spend it in a fasting, but if any one is ill, or on a journey, the prescribed period (should be made up) later. Allah intends every facility for you. He does not want to put you in difficulties."

MALE

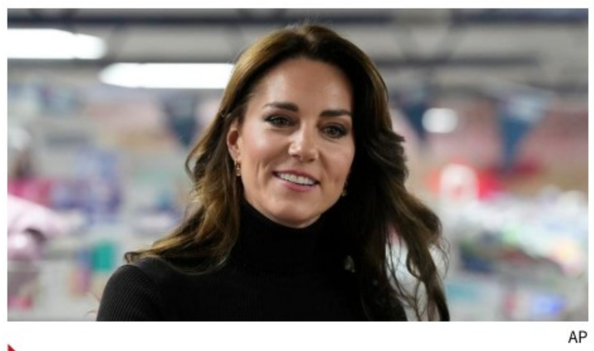
Maldives purchases drones from Turkiye to patrol maritime area

AFP

Maldives has for the first time acquired surveillance drones from Turkiye for patrolling its vast exclusive economic zone. Efforts have begun by the state to establish a drone base in Noonu atoll to operate the military drones. Turkiye was the first foreign country visited by Mohamed Muizzu after he was sworn in as President. PTI

LONDON

Princess of Wales apologises for photo that sparked health concern



AP

Kate, Princess of Wales, apologised for "confusion" caused by her editing of a family photo released by the palace — an image of Kate and her children that was intended to calm speculation about her health, but had the opposite effect. It was the first official photo of Kate since she had abdominal surgery nearly two months ago. AP

ISLAMABAD

President administers oath to 19-member Cabinet in Pakistan

AP

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari on Monday administered the oath to 19 members of the Cabinet of newly elected Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, ending the tenuous wait for the completion of government formation. Those who took oath included familiar faces such as Ishaq Dar, Khawaja Asif and Ahsan Iqbal. PTI

BUDAPEST

Orban claims Trump said he will not 'give a penny' to Ukraine

REUTERS

Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban said former U.S. President Donald Trump told him that he would "not give a penny" to the war in Ukraine — a claim Mr. Trump's team did not comment on. Mr. Orban had travelled to Florida on Friday to meet Mr. Trump. He has frequently expressed hope for the Republican's return to power. AFP

Goan-origin Portuguese PM Costa bows out

The centre-right Democratic Alliance emerged as the largest party with 79 seats, while Costa's Socialists finished second with 77; the far-right Chega party came third with 18% vote; Luis Montenegro, who has staked claim to form the next government, says he won't join hands with the far-right

Ashis Ray
LISBON

A centre-right combination of the Democratic Alliance (PSD) and allies (AD) staked a claim to form a minority government after winning the largest number of seats –79 – in Sunday's snap Portuguese general election, which yielded a hung parliament.

The AD is narrowly ahead of the Goan-origin Prime Minister Antonio Costa's outgoing Socialist Party (PS), which clocked 77 seats. Both formations were tied at 28.67% in terms of voter support.

The AD is 37 seats short of an absolute majority in a House of 230. They can, perhaps, reach out to eight centrist Liberal Initiative lawmakers and nine 'others'. PSD leader Luis Montenegro maintained that the Portuguese people had spoken for "a change of government and of policies". He is now waiting for President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa to invite him to assume office. Historically, the balance of power in the 230-member House has alternated between the PS and the PSD.

For the first time in half a century the far-right in Portuguese politics, in the five-year-old incarnation of the Chega (Enough) party, emerged as a strong force mustering 48 seats and attracting 18% of the votes to finish third. This could compel a PSD-led government to seek Chega's support to pass legislation.

Curtains down: Antonio Costa resigned in November after officials arrested members of his staff and two Ministers for corruption. AFP

Mr. Montenegro had insisted he would not turn to Chega for parliamentary business, let alone grant it the status of kingmaker, describing its leader Andre Ventura as "often xenophobic, racist, populist and excessively demagogic".

Mr. Ventura, formerly a trainee Catholic priest, catapulted into public attention as a football commentator on television before venturing into politics.

As PSD activists celebrated with 'Victory' signs for cameras at their party headquarters, Mr. Ventura remarked: "The Portuguese clearly said they want a two-party government: Chega and the Democratic Alliance."

Four communists and greens and five Left Bloc MPs are potentially PS backers. But even if it cobbled together a coalition to remain in power, it would not retain Mr. Costa, who has been Prime Minister for eight years – the past three and a half months as caretaker.

Mr. Costa, 62, who undertook a state visit to India in 2017, which included a journey to his ancestral village of Rua Abade Faria, Margao, Goa, resigned in November after law enforcement authorities arrested his Chief of Staff and personal adviser together with naming two of his Cabinet Ministers as suspects over alleged irregularities in awarding state contracts.

Mr. Costa's handling of the COVID pandemic and the economy in what is Western Europe's poorest nation drew appreciation. Unemployment dipped and Portugal's GDP growth in 2023 reached 2.3% compared to the European Union (EU) average of 0.7%.

(Ashis Ray is a London-based journalist)

NATO raises Swedish flag at office sealing its membership

Associated Press
BRUSSELS

Finland had already joined the defence grouping in April 2023, ending years of non-alignment

Sweden's flag was raised at NATO headquarters on Monday, cementing the Nordic country's place as the 32nd member two years after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine persuaded its reluctant public to seek safety under the alliance's security umbrella.

Spurred by Russia

"The Russian, brutal, invasion against Ukraine united Sweden behind the conclusion that a full-fledged NATO membership is the only reasonable choice," Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said at the event in Brussels.

Sweden set aside decades of post-World War II neutrality when it formally joined NATO on March 7. The neighbouring nation of Finland had already joined in April 2023.

Russian President Vladimir Putin's decision to order troops into Ukraine on February 24, 2022, triggered an about-face in public opinion in both countries and within three months they had applied to join the world's biggest security organisation.

Palestinians in Gaza begin Ramzan staring at hunger

Associated Press
RAFAH

Palestinians began fasting for Ramzan on Monday as the Muslim holy month arrived with ceasefire talks at a standstill, hunger worsening across the Gaza Strip and no end in sight to the five-month-old war between Israel and Hamas.

Prayers were held outside amid the rubble of demolished buildings late on Sunday. Some people hung fairy lights in packed tent camps, and a video from a UN shelter showed children dancing and spraying foam as a man sang into a loudspeaker.

But there was little to celebrate after five months of war that has killed over 30,000 Palestinians and left much of Gaza in ruins. Families would ordinarily break the daily fast with holiday feasts, but even where food is available, there is little beyond canned goods and the prices are too high. "You don't see anyone with joy in their eyes," said Sabah al-Hendi, who was shopping for food in Rafah. "Every family is sad. Every family has a martyr."

The U.S., Qatar and Egypt had hoped to broker a cease-fire ahead of the month of dawn-to-dusk fasting that would include the release of dozens of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners, and the entry of humanitarian aid, but the talks stalled last week.

Oppenheimer sweeps major awards at Oscars

Agence France-Presse
HOLLYWOOD

Oppenheimer swept the board on Sunday at the Oscars, Hollywood's biggest night of the year, with seven awards including best picture and best director, crowning a triumphant year for filmmaker Christopher Nolan.

Nolan's masterful drama about the father of the atomic bomb, half of last summer's massive "Barbenheimer" phenomenon, also bagged acting prizes for lead Cillian Murphy and supporting actor Robert Downey Jr.

The cast and crew of *Oppenheimer* accept the best picture award during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles on Sunday. AP

Nolan – a British-American filmmaker hailed as a generational talent – said that film as an art form still has room to grow.

"We don't know where this incredible journey is going from here. But to know that you think that I'm a meaningful part of it means the world to me."

The movie also snapped up prizes for editing, cinematography and best original score.

The other huge smash of 2023, Greta Gerwig's pop feminist blockbuster *Barbie*, only won one Oscar for best original song. Billie Eilish's *What Was I Made For?* was the winning song.

Emma Stone won best actress for her daring performance in the surreal, Frankenstein-esque *Poor Things*.

The U.K scored its first-ever best international film Oscar with Auschwitz drama *The Zone of Interest*.

Political undertones

Several nominees wore lapel pins calling for a ceasefire in the war between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

There were also references to the war in Ukraine, with a best documentary statuette for *20 Days in Mariupol*, and a brief tribute paid to Russian opposition figure Alexei Navalny, the subject of last year's Oscar-winning documentary.

Student sentenced to death, teenager gets life term in Pakistan for 'blasphemy'

Associated Press
MULTAN

A Pakistani court sentenced a 22-year-old student to death and gave a teenager a life sentence in two separate cases after finding them guilty of insulting Islam's Prophet Muhammad, a defence lawyer and officials said on Monday.

Both had denied the charges and have the right to appeal.

Aslam Gujar, a lawyer who represented student Junaid Munir said that the judge in the city of Gujranwala in Punjab province announced the death penalty last week. The trial stemmed from charges brought in 2022 that Mr. Munir shared blasphemous content via WhatsApp.

Also last week, 17-year-old Abdul Hanan was convicted and sentenced to life in prison in a separate case in the same court.

Mr. Munir's father, Munir Hussain, denied the charge against his son. Mr. Hussain said by phone that he was living in hiding along with his family.

Under Pakistan's blasphemy laws, anyone found guilty of insulting the religion or religious figures can be sentenced to death. While authorities have yet to carry out a death sentence for blasphemy, just the accusation can provoke riots.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.W.D. DN. ASIND (BHILWARA)

No. :- 2815 Date :-07.03.2024

Notice inviting Bid No. 25/2023-24

Bids for Various remaining work under Risk and Cost are invited from intersted bidders upto 06:00 Pm dt 26.03.2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state; the approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 975.02 Lacs.

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KERALA MARITIME BOARD
(A statutory Board of Govt. of Kerala)
Expression of Interest (EOI)
for
Development of high revenue generating Infrastructure projects at Kozhikode Beach front Premium Property encompassing the erstwhile Marine Port Bungalow with Private Participation

EOI Ref No: HOKMB-TVM/332/2023-C3 (Devp), Date: 09/03/2024

The Kerala Maritime Board (KMB) is soliciting Expressions of Interest from eligible investors/companies for development of high revenue generating projects in tourism/ infrastructure/ commercial/ marine /port led industries or a combination thereof in the beach front project site encompassing the erstwhile Marine Port Bungalow situated alongside Beach Road, Calicut, Kerala.

The interested investors/companies are invited to submit their EOI proposals for developing the project in Public Private Participation model. The detailed EOI will be available on our official website: **www.kmb.kerala.gov.in** from **09th March 2024**. Proposals must be submitted on or before 15:00 hrs. April 26, 2024, in both hard and soft copy.

Please send your queries to the address/email id:
Chief Executive Officer,
Kerala Maritime Board (KMB),
TC XXII/1666 (4&5), 1st Floor,
Mulamoottil Building, Pipinmoodu,
Sasthamangalam, Thiruvananthapuram-695010.
Phone: +91 9544410029
Email ID: kmb.kerala@gmail.com **Sd/- CEO**
D3/196/2024/I&PRD

E-mail.ID-sectcrb_2006@yahoo.co.in ; Tel/Fax – 0671-2301751/2302751
Government of Odisha
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CUTTACK (R&B) CIRCLE, CUTTACK
('e' – PROCUREMENT NOTICE)
Bid Identification No.CCE.Ctc.(R&B)47/2023-24

1. The Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle, Cuttack on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on Percentage rate basis bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road and Building works as mentioned below.
2. No. of work : 04 Nos.
3. Nature of work : Road and Building Works.
4. Class of contractor : 'B', & 'A' Class
5. Tender Paper Cost : Rs.10000/- (Online)
6. Available of bid document in the web site : From 19.03.2024 to 17.30 Hours of 02.04.2024
7. Date of opening of bid : Dt. 03.04.2024 at 11.00 Hours.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said web site.

Sd/- P.K.Rath, Chief Construction Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle

B-1906: OIPR-34012/11/0076/2324

TAMILNADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SOUTH CIRCLE
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

1. Construction of 468 tenements (G+5 storied) adopting Type design 33/2021 (A) and 33/2021 (B) with internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements and development works at Kalaignar Nagar in Panagudi TP of Tirunelveli District under PMAY-HFA-AHP.
   Tender Reference No.195/DB/2023.
2. Construction of 504 tenements (G+5 storied) with internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements and development works at Periyar Nagar West in Vadakku Valliyur TP of Tirunelveli District under PMAY-HFA-AHP.
   Tender Reference No.196/DB/2023.

The Superintending Engineer, South Circle on behalf of Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board invites submission of online bids from eligible bidders for the contract package named above. Bids are invited under two cover system to be uploaded in the online web portal **https://tntenders.gov.in**.

Detailed Notice of Invitation of Bids and the Pre-Qualification Criteria and the Bid document for the above package would be available at **https://tntenders.gov.in** starting from 13.03.2024. Deadline of bid submission is upto 12.00 Noon on 15.04.2024. All required information are provided in the bid document.

Bidders may contact Superintending Engineer, South Circle, TNUHDB through E.Mail:**tnuhdbsesouth@gmail.com** for any other information on bidding process.

169,K.K.Nagar Main Road,
Opp. Jawagar Hospital, Madurai-625 020. DIPR/1472/Tender/2024

Superintending Engineer, (A/c)
South Circle.

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED
CIN– U40102RJ2000SGC016484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)
O/o Dy. Chief Engineer (TD), 5th Floor, Dreamax Plaza, Jaipur
E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for TN-37 (RVU2324GLOB02662) Supply of Liners for BBD-4760 type BHEL supplied coal pulverizers/mills for KSTPS, KOTA and BBD-4772 type BHEL supplied coal pulverizers/mills for SSTPS, SURATGARH & CTPP, CHHABRA and TN-38 (RVU2324GLOB02669) Supply of Grinding media (roller liners and table liners) for mill MVM 32R AT 2X660 MW CSCTPP, CHHABRA. Tender details are available on websites http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in (for e-tender), www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.

Raj.samwad/C/23/ 14598 RVUN/PR-3992 Dy. Chief Engineer (TD)

KARNATAKA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, HUBLI
(Govt. of Karnataka Autonomous Institute)
NO:KIMS/SUP(1)/D/293/2023-24 DATED:23/02/2024
E-TENDER (THROUGH GOK-E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

DME/2023-24/IND0578 DME/2023-24/IND0576
DME/2023-24/IND0575 DME/2023-24/IND0580
DME/2023-24/IND0582 DME/2023-24/IND0581

The Director, Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences, Hubballi Invites tenders from **Manufacturers / Authorized Agents / Authorized Distributors for supply of Drugs/Surgical/ Chemicals.** As per KTPP Act 1999 & 2000 through e-tender.

The Documents/Processing Fee ETC, information available @ **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Director
Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences, Hubballi

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact number 9646118721)

TENDER ENQUIRY No. QW-323/PO-W Dated 07.03.2024

Chief Engineer/Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana, invites E-tender of Repair of 3-phase, 50 cycles, outdoor type, oil immersed, naturally cooled, Stack core type construction, OWP Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers (Type Conventional) of capacity 25 KVA with voltage ratio 11/0.433 KV conforming to ISS: 2026 (with latest amendments, if any) and 1180 part-1 (2014) complete with a first filling of oil conforming to ISS: 335/1993 (with latest amendments, if any)

Quantity = 22000 Nos.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 07.03.2024 from 2.30 P.M. onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

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INBRIEF

Bitcoin rises above $71,000 as demand frenzy intensifies

Bitcoin hit a record high on Monday above $71,000, as the surge in the cryptocurrency showed no signs of slowing down. U.K.'s financial watchdog became the latest regulator to pave the way for digital asset-trading products after saying it will permit recognised investment exchanges to launch crypto-backed exchange-traded notes. "Bitcoin started the week with a surge, dragging the rest of the cryptocurrency space higher with it," DailyFX strategist Nick Cawley said. REUTERS

Viscose imports via advance authorisation need no QCO

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade said import of viscose products under the advance authorisation scheme will be exempted from the mandatory Quality Control Order (QCO). In a notification, the DGFT said goods to be used or consumed in making products for exports were exempt. Export Oriented Units, SEZ units and Advance Authorisation holders can import without complying with the QCO under pre-import conditions.

Krystal Integrated IPO price band set at ₹680-₹715

Krystal Integrated Services Ltd. said its initial public offering (IPO) of equity shares will open on March 14 in the price band of ₹680 to ₹715 per equity share with face value of ₹10 each. Bids can be made for a minimum of 20 equity shares and in multiples of 20 shares thereafter. The IPO comprises fresh issue aggregating to ₹175 crore and Offer for Sale (OFS) of up to 1,750,000 equity shares by selling shareholders. The issue will close on March 18.

'Froth in small and mid-cap stocks; price rigging in SME space'

SEBI's Buch says the regulator has noticed 'irrational exuberance' in stocks, which could affect investors; adds SEBI won't let bubbles to grow

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch on Monday said there are pockets of "froth" in small and mid-cap stocks which appear like "irrational exuberance" to the capital markets regulator.

Ms. Buch also said that SEBI has evidence, pointing to signs of "price manipulation" in the small and medium enterprises (SME) segment, and asked investors to be more cautious while investing in the risky segment.

Speaking to women journalists at an event, Ms. Buch said the 'T+0' settlement of securities will begin on March 28 but on an optional basis.

When asked about the small and mid-cap space, which has seen a fast-paced rise in valuations over the last few months, Ms. Buch admitted that there are "pockets of froth in the market" which are like bubbles.

"It may not be appropriate to allow the bubble to keep building, because when it bursts, they impact the investors adversely. That is not a good thing," Ms. Buch said.

She added that the valuation parameters are "not supported by fundamentals at all" and it appears like "irrational exuberance".

Since January 2023, small and mid-cap indices have significantly outperformed the broader equity indices, and many asset management companies have stopped accepting lumpsum amounts into schemes and also capped monthly investments in such schemes.

Evidence of fraud

Ms. Buch also said that the SEBI has seen evidence of "price manipulation" in the SME segment, including both initial public offerings (IPOs) and secondary trading activity.

"We do see the signs (of price manipulation), we have the technology to do it. We are able to see certain patterns. I'd say it is still on the kitchen table, it's not yet gone into the oven," Ms. Buch said.

The capital markets regulator is still working with advisors to understand all the dimensions and analyse the data, she said, adding that if it finds some malpractices the next step may be to issue a public consultation on it.

However, she did not give any specific timelines by which the capital markets regulator is mulling to act against entities which are indulging in the malpractices.

She said investors need to understand that the SME segment is different from the main board and it is necessary for SEBI to push companies to make the necessary disclosures to investors.

Regulations governing the SME segment, the disclosures and therefore, the nature of risk are all different, she said, defending the decision to have such a platform.

Deflating bubbles

A strong rally in small and mid-cap stocks draws the attention of SEBI, which wants to prevent bubbles

- Small and mid-cap indices have significantly outperformed the broader equity gauges since January 2023
- **SEBI chairperson Buch adds the regulator has seen evidence of "price manipulation" in the SME segment**
- She adds that the 'T+0' settlement of securities will begin on March 28, but on an optional basis

Banks, including SBI, lead Sensex lower

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The benchmark S&P BSE Sensex was dragged lower on Monday by banking stocks, including State Bank of India and HDFC Bank, and industrial counters, snapping two straight sessions of gains.

The Sensex fell 616.75 points, or 0.83%, to 73,502.64. While Power Grid and Tata Steel were the biggest losers on the gauge, sliding 2.41% and 2.38%, respectively, SBI fell 1.86% with sentiment in the stock likely hit after the Supreme Court rebuffed the country's largest lender's petition seeking more time to provide details on the Electoral Bonds and directed it instead to furnish the required data by Tuesday. HDFC Bank slipped 1.33%, topping volumes.

JM Financial slides

Among other stocks, JM Financial fell 9.77% to ₹79.35 in the wake of curbs imposed last week by SEBI against the group's merchant banking unit accepting fresh debt mandates.

The NSE Nifty 50 declined 0.72% to 22,332.65.

Aditya Birla Finance to merge with parent

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. has announced the amalgamation of Aditya Birla Finance Ltd., its wholly owned subsidiary, with itself to create a large unified operating non-banking finance company (NBFC).

The board of directors of both the companies on Monday approved the scheme of amalgamation which is subject to regulatory and other approvals.

Aditya Birla Capital is a listed systemically important non-deposit taking core investment company. Aditya Birla Finance is a non-deposit taking systematically important NBFC.

Kumar Mangalam Birla

Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairman, Aditya Birla Group said, "The proposed amalgamation will create a strong capital base for Aditya Birla Capital to grow its business."

The proposed amalgamation would result in reduction of legal entities and simplification of the group structure of Aditya Birla Capital. After the amalgamation, Aditya Birla Capital would get converted from a holding company to an operating NBFC.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	73,503	-0.83
US Dollar	82.75	-0.09
Gold	66,400	------
Brent oil	82.61	------

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3207.35	-19.20
Adani Ports	1326.95	1.50
Apollo Hosp	6204.70	155.90
Asian Paints	2876.85	6.30
Axis Bank	1105.10	-6.35
Bajaj Auto	8659.40	-219.65
Bajaj Finserv	1598.80	16.00
Bajaj Finance	6433.75	12.70
Bharti Airtel	1196.60	-3.10
BPCL	626.40	1.70
Britannia Ind	4937.40	48.25
Cipla	1504.10	20.95
Coal India	453.90	-4.70
Divis Lab	3604.75	3.15
Dr Reddys Lab	6387.45	63.30
Eicher Motors	3783.90	-1.35
Grasim Ind	2236.80	8.70
HCL Tech	1638.65	1.00
HDFC Bank	1427.80	-18.30
HDFC Life	620.85	-1.10
Hero MotoCorp	4671.70	18.80
Hindalco	533.70	-3.00
Hind Unilever	2389.85	-29.70
ICICI Bank	1078.70	-9.25
IndusInd Bank	1541.05	-22.70
Infosys	1600.60	-15.85
ITC	409.40	-4.15
JSW Steel	829.80	-0.20
Kotak Bank	1729.65	-18.40
L&T	3640.60	-36.35
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5123.00	0.30
M&M	1894.35	-3.20
Maruti Suzuki	11395.55	-114.50
NestleIndia	2611.50	50.55
NTPC	347.95	-4.25
ONGC	274.00	-4.10
PowerGrid Corp	285.55	-7.10
Reliance Ind	2933.20	-24.65
SBI Life	1532.10	21.70
State Bank	773.70	-14.35
Sun Pharma	1593.60	-12.10
TataConsumerProduct	1220.65	-40.90
Tata Motors	1028.00	-11.30
Tata Steel	153.45	-3.80
TCS	4122.35	13.75
Tech Mahindra	1289.00	0.85
Titan	3750.15	-36.75
UltraTech Cement	9697.90	24.75
UPL	476.55	-5.75
Wipro	514.55	-0.95

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.56	82.88
Euro	90.32	90.67
British Pound	106.02	106.44
Japanese Yen (100)	56.30	56.53
Chinese Yuan	11.49	11.53
Swiss Franc	94.14	94.52
Singapore Dollar	62.08	62.33
Canadian Dollar	61.26	61.50
Malaysian Ringitt	17.63	17.71
Australian Dollar	54.63	54.85

Source:Indian Bank

Hyundai adds Creta to N Line, targets younger 'niche' buyers

N. Anand
NEW DELHI

Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) on Monday unveiled a Creta N Line SUV as it targets younger buyers with a 'niche, performance-oriented range'.

The Creta N Line, the third offering in Hyundai's expanding N Line line up after the i20 and Venue, is powered by 1.5 litre turbo GDi petrol engine with six-speed manual transmission and seven-speed dual-clutch transmission. The SUV is priced between ₹16.8 lakh and ₹20.3 lakh.

Observing that the new Creta would strengthen Hyundai's N Line portfolio, HMIL MD and CEO Un Soo Kim said it would not only

resonate with the ambitions of a younger generation but would also capitalise on the Creta's brand popularity and legacy.

"As we look forward to the next decade of progress for Hyundai Motor India, we will make strategic investments towards increasing production capacity, setting up new manufacturing units, democratising EVs, introducing products and technologies matching customer and nation's objectives," Mr. Kim said.

'Growing N Line'

"N Line is a niche product aimed at younger generation with added features," said AVP and Vertical Head, Corporate Affairs, Puneet Anand. "With the launch of Creta N Line, the total N Line base is likely to increase further," he added.

In 2021, the carmaker sold 3,196 N Line units which more than doubled to 7,560 in 2022, and rose to 9,718 units in 2023.

(The writer was in New Delhi at the invitation of Hyundai Motor India)

SIDBI gets GCF nod for $120 million green project

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Development bank SIDBI on Monday said it has secured approval from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for its first anchored project, Avaana Sustainability Fund (ASF), valued at $120 million.

The closure was announced at the 38th board meeting of the GCF, which will invest $24.5 million in the fund, SIDBI said.

The primary aim of the ASF project is to invest in early-stage companies harnessing technology-led innovation to spur climate solutions and sustainability in the country.

'Bharti may lead bids in spectrum auction'

S. Ronendra Singh
NEW DELHI

Bharti Airtel (Airtel) may lead spectrum bids in May auctions as it has 42 MHz of spectrum in the 1800 MHz and 900 MHz bands in six circles coming up for renewal, resulting in the telco spending ₹3,800 crore at reserve prices, according to analysts.

"Although [Bharti] Airtel de-risked operations by acquiring spectrum in the 900 and 1800 MHz bands in previous auctions, we still expect it to renew the bulk of its spectrum to protect and increase its market share. It may also bid in certain circles to increase its holding in the 800 MHz and 1800 MHz bands to 10-15 MHz and in the 2300

MHz band to 40 MHz," said Jefferies in a report.

Fear of overspending

This could lead to a spending of ₹12,300 crore at the maximum, it said, adding the absence of the 700 MHz band should allay concerns about overspending by Bharti Airtel in the current auctions.

(The writer is with The Hindu businessline)

'Airlines to trim loss to ₹3,000-4,000 cr.'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Airlines are projected to report a lower net loss of ₹3,000 to 4,000 crore in the current as well as next financial years, helped by healthy passenger traffic growth and pricing discipline, credit rating agency ICRA said on Monday.

For February, ICRA estimated domestic air passenger traffic at around 127.5 lakh. The aviation sector has also been grappling with supply chain challenges and issues related to Pratt & Whitney engines.

IndiGo grounded more than 70 planes due to P&W engine problems.

"It is estimated that 24-26% of the total fleet of Indian airlines in operations

will be grounded by March 31, 2024," ICRA said.

Meanwhile, it said the pace of recovery in industry earnings is likely to be gradual owing to the high fixed-cost nature of the business. The net loss is expected to reduce significantly to "₹30-40 billion in FY2024 and FY2025", as airlines continue to witness healthy passenger traffic growth and maintain pricing discipline.

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KLINGER'S TAKE

'Shabnam has the work ethic, she's going to get stronger over time'

R.V. MOORTHY

Gujarat Giants coach Michael Klinger hailed Shabnam Shakil's match-winning spell gainst UP Warriorz on Monday. "Shabnam's got the work ethic. Over time she's only going to get stronger. We're going to work with her on a slower ball over the course of the year so she can have that in her kit," he said.

BACK IN BUSINESS

Shreyanka showed a lot of character, says skipper Smriti

R.V. MOORTHY

Shreyanka Patil took four big wickets on returning to the side after missing RCB's last two games. "She had a niggle. A player of her quality is never dropped. That last over especially, the way she bowled, she showed a lot of character. Stuff like this doesn't get credited enough in a loss," said skipper Smriti Mandhana.

RETURN

Shami's comeback likely by home series against Bangladesh: Jay Shah

FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

Mohammed Shami, who is recuperating from an ankle surgery, is expected to make his comeback with the home Test series against Bangladesh later this year, BCCI secretary Jay Shah told *PTI*. Shami missed the Test series against England and will also sit out of the IPL after having undergone surgery for Achilles tendon last month.

PLANS

Ponting opens up about Pant's return in latest ICC Review

FILE PHOTO

Coach Ricky Ponting said he is expecting Pant to captain the Delhi Capitals side from the start of the IPL should his fitness allow. "It's a big decision we'll have to make because if he is fit, you'd think he'd step straight back into that captaincy role. If he's not entirely fit , then we've got some decisions to make there," Ponting said.

Deepti fights like a Warrior, but Mooney's Giants win the battle

Her unbeaten 88 nearly takes the UP outfit home after Shabnam rattles the top-order; Gujarat skipper shines with the bat

WPL SEASON 2

Lavanya L
NEW DELHI

There was a moment when Sophie Ecclestone had a frightened look on her face anticipating a dropped catch while UP Warriorz was on the field. That expression described life in the Warriorz dugout in the crunch match against Gujarat Giants which ended in the latter's favour in the Women's Premier League at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Monday.

The reason Warriorz lost only by eight runs was the superhuman effort from Deepti Sharma (88 n.o., 60b, 9x4, 4x6) which sparked the game back to life and stretched it to a thrilling final-over finish, the fourth in as many games this season.

Chasing a target of 153, Alyssa Healy got off the mark punishing Shabnam Shakil's volley for four through backward point. Minutes later, the Aussie was distracted by one of the drummers in a bright yellow shirt running across the sightscreen. The lapse in concentration led to Healy holing out to Mannat Kashyap at mid-off. Shabnam removed the dangerous Chamari Athapaththu three deliveries later. Ashleigh Gardner sent back compatriot Grace Harris before Shabnam castled Shweta Sehrawat.

Deepti operated on a different plane. After taking time to settle down, she increased the tempo and added 109 with Poonam Khemnar. With 26 needed off the final over and a wayward Meghna Singh given the ball, two sixes from Deepti over long-on brought the equation down to 10 off two. Meghna held her nerve to seal a win that kept Giants alive.

Earlier, Beth Mooney's unbeaten 74 (52b, 10x4, 1x6) helped Giants finish with 152 which proved enough.

Sensational: Deepti's superhuman effort almost turned it around for Warriorz. R.V. MOORTHY

Points table

	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Delhi Capitals (Q)	7	5	2	10	0.918
Mumbai Indians (Q)	7	5	2	10	0.343
Royal Challengers	7	3	4	6	0.027
UP Warriorz	8	3	5	6	-0.371
Gujarat Giants	7	2	5	4	-0.873

Q: Qualified

SCOREBOARD

GUJARAT GIANTS
Laura Wolvaardt st. Healy b Ecclestone 43 *(30b, 8x4, 1x6)*, Beth Mooney (not out) 74 *(52b, 10x4, 1x6)*, D. Hemalatha c Healy b Athapaththu 0 *(2b)*, Phoebe Litchfield c Ecclestone b Deepti 4 *(8b)*, Ashleigh Gardner c Deepti b Rajeshwari 15 *(10b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Bharti Fulmali c Healy b Deepti 1 *(4b)*, Kathryn Bryce c Athapaththu b Ecclestone 11 *(11b, 2x4)*, Tanuja Kanwar b Ecclestone 1 *(3b)*, Shabnam Shakil run out 0 *(0b)*, Meghna Singh (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (w-3): 3; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 152.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-60 (Wolvaardt, 7.5 overs), 2-65 (Hemalatha, 8.3), 3-73 (Litchfield, 10.5), 4-102 (Gardner, 13.6), 5-105 (Bharti, 14.6), 6-118 (Bryce, 17.2), 7-120 (Tanuja, 17.6), 8-144 (Shabnam, 19.4).

WARRIORZ BOWLING
Athapaththu 4-0-25-1, Saima 2-0-19-0, Anjali 1-0-11-0, Harris 1-0-9-0, Rajeshwari 4-0-28-1, Deepti 4-0-22-2, Ecclestone 4-0-38-3.

UP WARRIORZ
Alyssa Healy c Mannat b Shabnam 4 *(3b, 1x4)*, Kiran Navgire c Mannat b Bryce 0 *(2b)*, Chamari Athapaththu c Gardner b Shabnam 0 *(3b)*, Deepti Sharma (not out) 88 *(60b, 9x4, 4x6)*, Grace Harris c Bharti b Gardner 1 *(7b)*, Shweta Sehrawat b Shabnam 8 *(9b, 2x4)*, Poonam Khemnar (not out) 36 *(36b, 3x4, 1x6)*; Extras (b-5, w-2): 7; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 144.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-4 (Healy, 0.3), 2-4 (Athapaththu, 0.6), 3-4 (Kiran, 1.2), 4-16 (Harris, 3.4), 5-35 (Shweta, 6.6).

GIANTS BOWLING
Shabnam 4-0-11-3, Bryce 3-0-26-1, Gardner 3-0-30-1, Tanuja 4-0-28-0, Mannat 3-0-21-0, Meghna 3-0-23-0.

Toss: Giants.
PoM: Shabnam.
Giants won by eight runs.
Tuesday's match: Mumbai Indians vs. Royal Challengers, 7.30 p.m.

India's 4-1 series triumph should rank among its finest

CRICKET

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Shoaib Bashir's reaction after he was bowled by Ravindra Jadeja at Dharamshala summed up, in a way, the five-match Test series between India and England. The tall off-spinner signalled a review immediately.

England, after scoring a sensational come-from-behind victory in the first Test at Hyderabad, failed to get a grip on things against a formidable Indian team that played most of the series without some of its most formidable players.

If a team could win a series 4-1 without men like Virat Kohli, K.L. Rahul, Rishabh Pant and Mohammed Shami against a confident side that had behind it some of the most stunning Test wins of the last couple of years, that is quite something. India's comprehensive triumph should rank among its finest.

Not just because it outplayed a strong team led and managed by a daring, successful duo. More because the victory was achieved on sporting wickets, not the square turners that usually greeted and unnerved the visiting teams to India over the last few years.

India's decision to prepare truer pitches may also have got something to do with the kind of aggressive cricket England under Brendon McCullum and Ben Stokes had been playing. The Bazball era had begun with a bang, winning 10 out of 11 Tests, some of them with audacious batting in the fourth innings.

Super seniors: Ashwin, Siraj, Kuldeep, Bumrah and Jadeja took the conditions out of the equation with match-winning performances. FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

Bazball got off to a great start in India too, winning the Hyderabad Test despite conceding a lead of 190. An extraordinary knock by Ollie Pope (196) was complemented by debutant left-arm spinner Tom Hartley's seven-wicket haul in the second innings.

Rohit Sharma's men bounced back in style, just as they did against South Africa a month before in Cape Town. They could overcome the absence of the injured pair of Rahul and Jadeja at Visakhapatnam, where they won by 106 runs.

Victories at Rajkot and Ranchi ensured they would stretch their remarkable unbeaten run at home to 17 series, with a Test to spare. It is doubtful if any of those series was as profitable for India as this one.

This series has given India an exceptional wicket-keeper-batter in Dhruv Jurel (his temperament and technique suggest he could be considered for batting alone if needed).

Sarfaraz Khan, when finally given a chance, showed much is right with the Ranji Trophy; as did Akash Deep and Devdutt Padikkal (the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee deserves credit).

Yashasvi Jaiswal proved he could be one of the most feared batters across formats. Shubman Gill showed how unwarranted the doubts about his form were.

Jasprit Bumrah, R. Ashwin, Jadeja and a deadlier looking Kuldeep Yadav proved the pitch didn't matter that much.

Mumbai shoots out Vidarbha for 105, takes control

RANJI TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

It may be perceived as a dull day of a high-intensity game with only 215 runs scored in 75.3 overs for the loss of nine wickets. But, the manner in which only one side dominated throughout the day meant Mumbai had laid one hand on its 42nd Ranji Trophy title.

Riding on an all-round performance – dominated by the spin twins Shams Mulani and Tanush Kotian along with swansong man Dhawal Kulkarni – Mumbai bundled Vidarbha out for a paltry 105 in its first essay.

Captain Ajinkya Rahane then combined with promising batter Musheer Khan in an unbroken partnership of 107 runs for the third wicket to help Mumbai take a firm grip on the match.

At the end of the second day's proceedings at the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai had an enviable advantage of 260 runs, with eight wickets remaining. The manner in which Rahane, going through the leanest patch of his career right through the season, and Musheer laid the anchor, it virtually forced the Vidarbha bowlers to shut shop and wait for a mistake.

Vidarbha was depleted with its primary spinner Aditya Sarvate suffering back spasms. Even though he bowled a spell in the last session, Sarvate was far from being at his best.

Musheer use of the crease against pacers and spinners alike was a highlight. Rahane grew in confidence as the afternoon progressed, earning a standing ovation from former India captain Sunil Gavaskar who watched the latter half of the day's play from the president's gallery.

In the morning, Mumbai had to keep up the pressure after the pacers had Vidarbha in a spot of bother at 31 for three. It took Kulkarni only 28 balls to earn the prize scalp of southpaw Atharva Taide, who poked at one that moved away from him.

Overnight batter Aditya Thakare hung around along with in-form Yash Thakur for the next hour, with Thakare being fortunate to have been dropped at silly-point by Bhupen Lalwani.

However, Mulani struck off successive balls to get rid of Thakare (lbw off a straighter one) and captain Akshay Wadkar (edging to the keeper). That triggered a collapse as Vidarbha lost its last six wickets for just 26 runs.

Masterclass: The bowlers put Mumbai in command with a superb effort. EMMANUAL YOGINI

The scores:

Mumbai — 1st innings: 224 in 64.3 overs.

Vidarbha — 1st innings: Atharva Taide c Tamore b Kulkarni 23, Dhruv Shorey lbw b Shardul 0, Aman Mokhade c Tamore b Kulkarni 8, Karun Nair c Tamore b Kulkarni 0, Aditya Thakare lbw b Mulani 19, Yash Rathod b Kotian 27, Akshay Wadkar c Tamore b Mulani 5, Harsh Dubey c Lalwani b Mulani 1, Yash Thakur c Deshpande b Kotian 16, Umesh Yadav c Deshpande b Kotian 2, Aditya Sarvate (not out) 0; Extras (nb-4); 4; Total (in 45.3 overs): 105.

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-20, 3-24, 4-39, 5-79, 6-85, 7-87, 8-97, 9-104.

Mumbai bowling: Shardul 9-0-22-1, Kulkarni 11-5-15-3, Deshpande 9-0-29-0, Mulani 12-0-32-3, Kotian 4.3-1-7-3.

Mumbai — 2nd innings: Prithvi Shaw b Yash Thakur 11, Bhupen Lalwani c sub (Kale) b Dubey 18, Musheer Khan (batting) 51, Ajinkya Rahane (batting) 58; Extras (lb-3): 3; Total (for two wkts. in 50 overs): 141.

Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-34.

Vidarbha bowling: Yash Thakur 10-2-25-1, Dubey 17-2-46-1, Umesh 9-1-17-0, Thakare 6-2-11-0, Sarvate 7-0-35-0, Karun 1-0-4-0.

Teammates celebrate Rahane's return to form

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

In a First Class career spanning more than 16 years, Ajinkya Rahane has 95 scores of 50-plus, including memorable knocks for India.

Still, when he drove Umesh Yadav through covers in the dying moments of Monday's proceedings at the Wankhede Stadium, he received a big applause from the dressing room.

Rahane, with the lean patch he has had throughout the season (134 runs in 11 innings coming into the Ranji final), knew his job was only half done and the Mumbai dressing room did its best to let him realise they were happier than their captain.

"We celebrated like it was a hundred because we knew how important this small milestone was for him," said Shams Mulani after the second day's play.

Toofans hold nerve, get past Torpedoes

Stretched: Janshed of Toofans secures a point against Torpedoes. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Delhi Toofans scripted a 15-13, 18-16, 17-15 win over Bengaluru Torpedoes in a Super 5 contest of the Prime Volleyball League at the Nehru Indoor Stadium here on Monday.

There wasn't a dull moment in the contest that saw the lead change hands frequently. But Toofans held their nerve in the final moments of every set.

Attacker S. Santhosh enabled Toofans to clinch the lead in the first set.

The second was very close with Torpedoes fighting tooth and nail, but Toofans prevailed and in the third, Torpedoes earned a set-point at 15-14, but couldn't capitalise on it.

In another contest, Calicut Heroes fought back in style to put it across Mumbai Meteors 13-15, 15-10, 15-6, 15-12. Skipper Jerome Vinith and Chirag Yadav came up with an attacking display to help Heroes win the last three sets quite comfortably.

Carey and Cummins carry Australia past New Zealand in thrilling finish

The wicketkeeper keeps his nerve while scoring an unbeaten 98 as the visitors script a three-wicket win; the skipper remains unbeaten on 32; Marsh scores 80 to put the side on the road to recovery; the hosts' wait to beat its rival at home stretches to over three decades; Sears' four-for goes in vain

AUS IN NZ

Agence France-Presse
CHRISTCHURCH

An unbeaten 98 from Alex Carey took Australia to victory over New Zealand by three wickets in a thrilling second Test on Monday to give the tourists a 2-0 sweep.

Carey and Mitchell Marsh have struggled for form but their formidable 140-run partnership rescued Australia at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch.

"Something we spoke about today was keeping that scoreboard running, 200, 190, 180 (to get)," said Australia captain Pat Cummins, hailing Carey for his superb innings.

New Zealand captain Tim Southee said that partnership was the "big moment" in the Test.

We've been able to make early in-roads in every innings, which is pleasing, but I guess on the back of that you want to be able to nail it down," Southee said.

"But that's what you get when you play the top side in the world. They bat deep," he added.

Vital partnership

Carey and Marsh produced a vital partnership when the tourists had their backs to the wall at 80 for five in its chase of 279.

At 220 for five, a nail-biting Test took another turn when Ben Sears claimed Marsh and Mitchell Starc in successive deliveries.

It left Australia needing a further 59 runs with three wickets remaining.

Skipper Cummins joined Carey to bring the tourists home.

Australia resumed the day at 77 for four after a one-hour delay because of rain, Marsh was dropped on 28 by Rachin Ravindra in the second over. Travis Head was out on the next ball from Southee.

Marsh and Carey were struggling for form, with Marsh coming off back-to-back ducks.

The Australian pair found their touch when it mattered most.

The scores:
New Zealand 162 & 372 lost to Australia 256 & 281/7 in 65 overs (Alex Carey 98 n.o., Mitchell Marsh 80, Pat Cummins 32 n.o., Sears 4/90). *(Australia won the two-match series 2-0).*
Player-of-the-Match: Carey.
Player-of-the-Series: Henry.

Saviour: Carey's unbeaten 98 got Australia out of trouble and helped it ace a tense chase. AP

Australia leapfrogs NZ to second spot

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

Australia has overtaken New Zealand to take the second spot in the World Test Championships ranking following the 2-0 series win over its Trans-Tasman rival in Christchurch on Monday.

The win in the second Test helped Australia collect 12 points on the road to defending the World Test Championship mace.

Australia has improved from 59.09 to 62.50% points after 12 matches.

New Zealand has dropped from 60 to 50% points to be third on the list. It has played six games.

India, which has won six of its nine matches, continues to lead the table with 68.51 % points.

"If the scoreboard is not moving, you always feel in the game (from the bowling side), but if they're just chipping away at it seems like it's all happening pretty quickly. So that was a goal today – just always be busy out there. Just keep the run-rate ticking, bit by bit getting closer," Cummins said after the match.

INBRIEF

Messi-less Inter Miami goes down to Montreal

Inter Miami slumped to its first defeat of the Major League Soccer (MLS) season in Miami on Sunday, losing 3-2 at home to Montreal after the Herons opted to rest Argentine superstar Lionel Messi. Fernando Alvarez, Matias Coccaro and Sunusi Ibrahim scored the goals for Montreal, which moved into second in the Eastern Conference standings where it trails Miami on goal difference.

The result: Inter Miami 2 (Campana 71, Alba 80) lost to Montreal 3 (Alvarez 13, Coccaro 75, Ibrahim 78).

Bopanna and Ebden lose in the first round in Indian Wells

Top seeds Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden were edged out 7-6(1), 4-6, [10-8] in the doubles first round by Sander Gille and Joran Vliegen of Belgium in the $12,418,990 ATP Masters tennis tournament in Indian Wells, USA.

The results: $12,418,990 ATP Masters, Indian Wells, USA: First round: Sander Gille & Joran Vliegen (Bel) bt Rohan Bopanna & Matthew Ebden (Aus) 7-6(1), 4-6, [10-8].

South Korea's An wins French Open badminton

Badminton World No. 1 An Se-young fired an Olympic warning after winning the French Open title in the Paris arena that will stage matches this summer. The South Korean won her 21st BWF World Tour crown and second of the year with an 18-21, 21-13, 21-10 defeat of Japanese rival Akane Yamaguchi on Sunday. China's Shi Yuqi won the men's title with a 22-20, 21-19 victory over Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn.

Lecce fires coach D'Aversa for headbutting Verona's Henry

Roberto D'Aversa was fired as coach of Serie A side Lecce for headbutting Verona striker Thomas Henry at the end of the clash between the two rivals on Sunday. "Following what took place at the end of the Lecce and Verona match the club announces the sacking of manager D'Aversa," Lecce posted on X. Henry said he was headbutted as he headed towards dressing rooms.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: (final), day 3, Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.
Badminton: All England Championships, BWF YouTube Channel & Jio Cinema App, 3.30 p.m. onwards
Afghanistan vs Ireland: 3rd ODI, FanCode, 5 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m.
ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.
WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

Karnataka consolidates its position against Uttar Pradesh as lead swells

C.K. NAYUDU

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka fortified its already strong position in the Col. C.K. Nayudu (u-23) Trophy final against Uttar Pradesh by securing a first-innings lead of 219 and then swelling it to 310 by close on day two at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Monday.

Though the home side could only add 33 runs to its overnight total of 325 for five, the bowlers, led by left-arm spinner Paras Gurbax Arya (five for 35) skittled UP out for 139.

In its second essay, Karnataka reached 91 for no loss with MacNeil H. Noronha (33 batting, 99b, 2x4, 1x6) and Prakar Chaturvedi (55 batting, 88b, 7x4, 2x6) at the crease.

UP lost a wicket in the very first over, but stabilised itself through a 43-run partnership between Rituraj Sharma (26) and Kritagya Singh (21). But Gurbax Arya, along with the off-spinner Mohsin Khan (two for 40) ran through the UP batting order reducing the team from 48 for one to 64 for six. The key wicket of UP skipper Sameer Rizvi (0) was also Gurbax's.

Aaradhya Yadav (66, 94b, 6x4, 1x6) and Vipraj Nigam (20) led a mild recovery, from 64 to 112, but that didn't do much to change their side's fortunes. For Karnataka, batter Yashovardhan Parantap, from an overnight 84, got to a hundred (105, 129b, 16x4).

The scores:
Karnataka 358 in 99.5 overs (Yashovardhan Parantap 105, Kruthik Krishna 66, MacNeil H. Noronha 68, Prakar Chaturvedi 33, K.V. Aneesh 43, Vipraj Nigam 4/51) & 91/0 in 31 overs (Noronha 33 batting, Chaturvedi 55 batting) vs Uttar Pradesh 139 in 46.2 overs (Aaradhya Yadav 66, Rituraj Sharma 26, Gurbax Arya 5/35).

Spinning a web: Gurbax was the wrecker-in-chief with a five-for as Karnataka dismissed UP cheaply. K. MURALI KUMAR

Nishant Dev reaches the quarterfinals

BOXING

Sports Bureau

World Championships bronze medallist Nishant Dev (71kg) recorded a comprehensive 5-0 victory over Christos Karaitis of Greece to reach the quarterfinals of the first World Olympic boxing qualifier at Busto Arsizio (Italy) late on Sunday.

Nishant, the lone Indian left in the event, took the three rounds of the pre-quarterfinal bout with 5-0, 4-1, 4-1 verdicts.

The Indian southpaw began cautiously before displaying his combinations and counterattacks to gain ground as the Greek got a standing count during the contest.

A step away from securing a quota place, Nishant will be up against 2021 Worlds silver medallist Omari Jones of the USA in the quarterfinals.

The semifinalists will earn quota places in the Paris Olympics.

Vinesh demands to compete in 50kg, 53kg; wins in lighter division

WRESTLING TRIALS

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

In an unusual development, Vinesh Phogat competed in two Olympic weights, 50kg and 53kg, on the same day and emerged as the winner in the lighter division in the selection trials for the Asian wrestling championships and Asian Olympic Games qualifier held at Patiala on Monday.

Vinesh demanded that the 53kg trials be held on Tuesday to let her compete in both weights. After it was decided that the selection could not be stretched to the next day, the ad-hoc committee conducting the trials along with the technical committee decided to allow her to fight in both weights since 'there is no rule which stops a wrestler from competing in two weights in a trial'.

According to United World Wrestling's Article-7, "Each contestant deemed to be taking part of his/her own free will, and responsible for himself/herself, shall be allowed to compete in only one weight category: the one corresponding to his weight at the time of the official weigh-in."

Vinesh beat Nirmala Devi 10-0 in the semifinal and Shivanee Pawar 11-6 in the 50kg final, giving herself a chance to win a quota place in the lower weight.

As per the ad-hoc panel, a challenger would be able to fight with Antim Panghal (who is supposed to participate in the Asian championships), the lone quota place winner in 53kg, in the Paris Olympic trials.

Vinesh lost 0-10 to Anju in the 53kg semis after ensuring that she remained in the top four and was eligible to be a challenger to Antim in her preferred weight. Vinesh said since there is no clarity (as guidelines may or may not change after the WFI takes full charge of wrestling affairs) whether a challenger would be able to fight with Antim in 53kg, she chose to compete in both weights.

The selected wrestlers:
Women (Barring 53kg, No.2 in Olympic weights will compete in Asian championships): **Olympic weights: 50kg:** 1. Vinesh, 2. Shivanee Pawar; **53kg:** 1. Anju; **57kg:** 1. Anshu Malik, 2. Sarita Mor; **62kg:** 1. Mansi Ahlawat, 2. Manisha; **68kg:** 1. Nisha Dahiya, 2. Radhika; **76kg:** 1. Reetika, 2. Priya Malik; **Non-Olympic weight: 55kg:** Tamanna; **59kg:** Pushpa Yadav; **65kg:** Antim Kundu; **72kg:** Harshita.

Real Madrid thrashes Celta Vigo 4-0; Leverkusen downs 10-man Wolfsburg

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LaLiga leader Real Madrid cruised to a 4-0 home win over relegation-threatened Celta Vigo on Sunday thanks to goals from Vinicius Jr and Arda Guler as well own goals from Carlos Dominguez and keeper Vicente Guaita.

Real, with 69 points, maintained its seven-point lead over second-placed Girona, which beat Osasuna 2-0 on Saturday.

In the Bundesliga, Bayer Leverkusen beat 10-man VfL Wolfsburg 2-0 to restore its 10-point lead at the top of the table and stay firmly on course for a first title. In the Serie A, Juventus was held to a 2-2 draw by Atalanta at Allianz Stadium, as goals from Andrea Cambiaso and Arkadiusz Milik were cancelled out by a brace from the visitors' Teun Koopmeiners. A goal from Diego Llorente in the dying moments of the match secured AS Roma a vital point in the top-four race as it drew 2-2 at Fiorentina.

Going past the custodian: Guler's fourth completed Madrid's dominance. AP

The results:
LaLiga: Real Madrid 4 (Vinicius 21, Guaita 79-og, Dominguez 88-og, Arda Guler 90+4) bt Celta Vigo 0; Real Betis 2 (Rodriguez 30, Willian Jose 45+2) lost to Villarreal 3 (Baena 40, Sokratis 48-og, Sorloth 67).
Serie A: Fiorentina 2 (Ranieri 18, Mandragora 69) drew with Roma 2 (Aouar 58, Llorente 90+5); Juventus 2 (Cambiaso 66, Arkadiusz Milik 70) drew with Atalanta 2 (Koopmeiners 35, 75).
Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Tella 37, Wirtz 86) bt Wolfsburg 0.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

All-round show by Sunil

Sunil S. Kumar's all-round performance (three for 22 & 38 n.o.) was instrumental in Bangalore SC's five-wicket win over Visweswarampuram (2) in the KSCA (Group I) third division league.

The scores:
Dooravani Cricketers (1) 230/8 in 50 overs (M.P. Shashank 31, B. Srikanth 48, M. Keerthi 35, S.K. Abhishek 28, Jaffer Ali 3/46, Arnav Arun Bharadwaj 3/46) bt Minerva 223 in 49.2 overs (M.R. Prithvi Raj 25, Prahas S. Nairy 26, Jairam Srinivas 59, Roshan Ashwathaiah 3/32).
Visweswarampuram (2) 200 in 49.2 overs (V.H. Amey 37, Prajwal Ashok 43, Saurabh Srivasthav 42, D.H. Sunil Kumar 30, Sunil S. Kumar 3/22) lost to Bangalore SC 201/5 in 36.5 overs (B.C. Vinay 75, M. Karthik 33, Sunil S. Kumar 38 n.o.).
Jolly Cricketers 210 in 50 overs (S. Darshan 26, Nikhil 100, Sarvesh Naik 25, Vignesh 3/18) lost to Hammonds 211/8 in 42.1 overs (N.G. Kushal 61, Ashwin Tantry 84, M. Malatesh 33 n.o., Deepak Devadiga 4/38).
FUCC (2) 95 in 24 overs (Arjun Shashidhar 35, Samyak Vellalore 3/35, Ayush Sharma 3/30) lost to Whirlwind Cricketers 96/9 in 23.1 overs (Ronak Yelwal 3/7, Rajendra Danganavar 3/21).
Cavaliers 205 in 47.1 overs (Abhilash Fernandes 45, Jay Desai 31, V.N. Jithendra 3/42) lost to Engrades 206/2 in 39.2 overs (Gnane 62, Karna Surya Vamshi 36, M.U. Sureen 64 n.o.).
RVCE 133 in 41.5 overs (H.K. Vishwanath 44 n.o., Krishav Sujith Somasundar 5/29) lost to Malleswaram Gymkhana 133/4 in 32.3 overs (Samyak P. Patil 28, Arnav Mishra 44 n.o.).

Stephen wins it for Jawahar Union

Stephen's injury-time winner helped Jawahar Union FC pip Bangalore City FC 3-2 in the BDFA A-division league on Monday.

The results: Roots FC 2 (V. Darshan 26, Khaleel Ur Rehaman 40+3) bt AGORC FC 1 (Jones Anthony 64); Blitz FC 2 (Ronaldo Singh 30, M.A. Abdul Harsheek 34 bt DYES FC 1 (Ratan Gowda 80); Jawahar Union FC 3 (Alan Sanjay Xavier 44, K. Karthik 80, Stephen 80+6) bt Bangalore City FC 2 (Haokholen Kipgen 33, 70).